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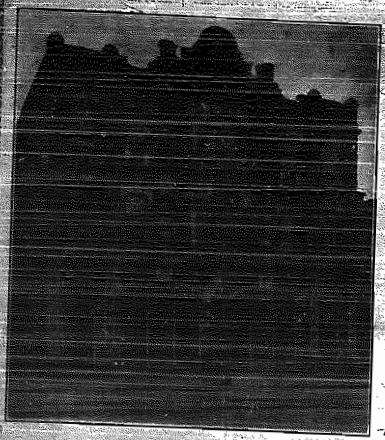
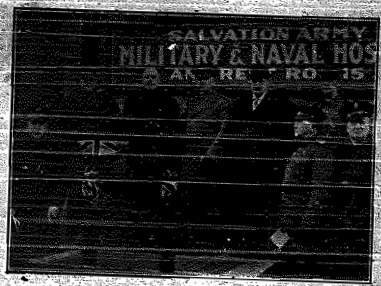
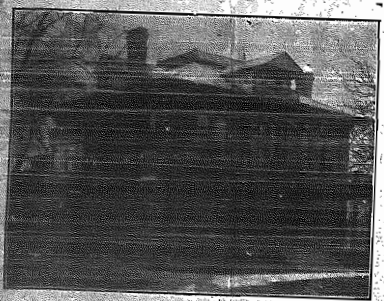






Red Shield Proposals Take Concrete Form

(1) The Algonquin Hotel, Chatham, Ont., which has been taken over by the Salvation Army and will shortly be opened as a Military Hostel. (2) and (4) Naval and Military Hostel at Vancouver and scene at the recent Opening. In the centre of the photo are Commissioner Sowton, Colonel Duff-Stuart, and Alderman Hoskins. (See page 9.) (3) Building secured for the establishment of a Maternity Hospital at Windsor, Ontario.

NOT A MOMENT

No time for worldly pleasure, vain
And false the joy you find therein;
When seeking satisfaction, pain
Comes to your heart, the fruits of sin.

No time for self-indulgence, see
Around you danger, traps of vice;
From all allurements turn and flee
Though gilded ruin looks so nice.

No time for folly, short the time
Remaining for your good, then use
An opportunity sublime,
Lest this—it may be final—one you lose.

No time for argument, to-day
In time accepted, harden not
Your heart still more, but rather pray!
In Christ you shall have part and lot.

No time for poor excuses, haste!
How great your need, and urgent, too.
This privilege, Oh, do not waste—
Your doubts and hindrances press through.

No time for hesitating, now
To Jesus come, who loves thee most.
In penitence before Him bow,
For "he that hesitates is lost."

No time for anything, but this—
To save your soul—get right with God.
Let nothing stop you—make you miss
Salvation present through the blood.

—W. TROTTER.

THE SEARCHLIGHT

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

The Murder of Time

"So teach us to number our days."—Psalm xc. 12.

REFLECT for a minute on the many precious days you killed last year. Are you going to do differently this year? Do you hear the rapid ticking of the clock? Put your finger on your pulse and see how quickly your heart beats. How swiftly your years are passing away! How carefully you should number your days, one by one, filling each one with good.

Don't Make Mistake

Do not make the mistake of calculating in advance the 350 odd days of the New Year, and imagine that you have plenty of time to spare. Three hundred days! What right have you to expect that you will live for three days? Long before the year is out, indeed, before it has well begun, you may be called elsewhere.

If you live and have at your disposal all the time there is, eight hours out of every twenty-four will be spent in sleep. Take away from the remainder the hours which must be spent in your employment and you will have little left. In view of the solemn needs of existence in this world, you ought not to have a minute to spare.

Many people at the beginning of a New Year feel instinctively that life is short, that time flies, and that they ought to make better use of it, but it is often a difficult question what ought to be done, and what ought to remain undone. Surely the answer is simple: the days of a year are only long enough for the best things to be attempted. Sin must be defeated each day, and new victories of grace won; some other soul must be rescued from hell, and some new labour started for the bringing in of the Kingdom of God.

The possibilities of even one well-spent day are enormous. No one in his senses dreams of throwing away golden sovereigns, yet days, more precious than gold, are heedlessly squandered. Men and women take good care to get the best possible value for their money expenditure. Would they were equally careful to spend each day to best advantage.

Test each day by the question: What has it done for me, or for others through me? Now, with the glamour of your New Year resolutions on you, do not shirk the question of what you have done to-day. Have you to-day spoken one warning word, performed one Christly action, endeavoured to save one lost soul?

A good resolution is a step towards progress, but it must be followed up. Some one says, having made a good resolution it is a good plan to repeat it audibly six times over, every morning, by so doing it will be impressed on the mind and on the will. The great thing, then, is to act on the resolution.

Lives of Idleness

Some people spend their lives in dreaming. Not only do they pass hours in idle reverie, but weeks and months and years. "Hitherto I have only been dreaming," said a famous man, when long past his youth, and only by the most strenuous efforts did he manage to make up for lost time. Having set your mind on some worthy aim, pray attempt, with your utmost might and main, to achieve it.

What an example many busy men of the world are in this respect. It was said of one of them: "One of his characteristics was respect for time. He never spent a few minutes from thinking that it was not worth while to set to work." He himself wrote: "A man who dares to waste his time does not know the value of life." Certainly, he does not. Not the value of the opportunities which life affords for the preparation of oneself and others for that eternal world which lies beyond the bounds of time. How quickly, how seriously, each one would pass from one day to another if he grasped fully the fact that his stay on earth was so limited!

Work Hard

Work, Oh, work this year every day as hard as you can! A crowded year of soul-saving activity is better than a century of worldly uselessness. What if our physical strength be spent and life in blazing burns out more rapidly. Is it not best to live while we live? God help you to make this New Year the most memorable of your past life. See to it that in every day has a golden record to be written down in the Lamb's Book of Life.

HOW TO BE SAVED

You must now recognize that the forsaking of all sin, the abandonment of all wrongdoing, the putting right, as far as possible, of any wrong done and a deliberate handing over of yourself to your new Master are each necessary steps for you to take. The devil will raise objections and point out difficulties. If you tell him he is a liar, and refuse to listen to him, you will do well.

Cry to God for forgiveness for Christ's sake, and for power to walk the new way. Believe that God hears your prayer, and answers it. Start at once to do the right thing at the moment, and go on looking to God for guidance and help.

Ask Him to reveal Himself to you, and He will do it.

"Go and sin no more."

JESUS is not dealing here with theories, but with the practical side of life, and it may well cause every thoughtful and sincere soul to pause and do some heart-searching. Applying the words of the Master to the present day, we are forced to the conclusion that it is possible to wear uniform, perform certain duties, take an active part in the many-sided work of an up-to-date Corps, and yet be devoid of spiritual life.

Evidences of Fruit

There are many evidences of good fruit—or otherwise—in the lives of all Christians, but there are three outstanding, two of which are evident to others, in a measure at any rate; the third may be known only by the soul and its God.

Firstly.—The way in which the will of God is accepted, be His will for us what it may, joy or sorrow, loss or gain. How many there are who appear to be all right spiritually while affairs pursue an even way—but let trials come, or bereavement, or losses, or perhaps a time of testing in the experience of the Corps, and they fret, and chafe, and appear to assume that God has surely made a mistake. One is so often reminded of the verse:

"How easy when sailing the sea in a calm
To trust in the might of Jehovah's great arm;
But somehow I find, when the waves
swamp the boat,
It takes some believing to keep things afloat."

THE SALVATION SOLDIER'S ARMOURY

A Series of Papers for Soldiers and Recruits, contributed jointly by Adjutant and Mrs. Alexander MacDonald, of London I.

I.—Characteristics of Good Salvationists

We must ever keep in mind that the mature fruit that delights both the eye and the palate, is not a product of days of unbroken sunshine, but is the result of a process that involves preparation of the soil, planting, pruning, and days both wet and dry, dark, and sunny.

Secondly.—The attitude taken regarding our children's vocation and prospects in life. How many who have borne much fruit to God's glory, "fall down" where their children are concerned. They allow worldliness in them, that they have never allowed in themselves, and they shrink from giving their children up for active service and to follow in the path of separation that they themselves have trod. With the deepest disappointment have I known Salvationists, whom I had hitherto thought highly of, say, "No! my child shall never be an Officer." Any accomplishment or educational advantage, no matter how good in itself, that is given or acquired solely for the purpose of improving one's position in this life, with no thought of using it to glorify God, may prove to be a curse rather than a blessing. All cannot, of course, become Officers, but the crying need of God's work to-day is parents who will not only say, "Lord! Lord!" but, having a vital knowledge of God themselves, will count it their highest joy to do as Hannah did with Samuel, and reckon their children as God's for service anywhere, and in whatever capacity He shall lead.

Drifted into Worldliness

I shall never forget a sad-hearted mother I talked to one day; her husband had been a preacher in a Holiness denomination, but his salary was small, and he wanted to give his children a better education than he was able to do, so he went into business and prospered to a certain degree only. His children had drifted into worldliness and some into open sin, and the father himself was a backslider; the mother alone had kept her hold on God, but she was broken-hearted.

Thirdly.—The object of our toil and service. What is it? Is it for the glory of God, and the good of others, or is there some selfish motive? For alas! even in the House of God there are temptations to work for the praise of men, for position or power, for as truly as the desire for pre-eminence actuates much of the toil in the political and business world, so has the same spirit caused untold trouble in the Church of God in general, and in the Salvation Army.

Why do we sing, and speak, and pray, and play in the Band, and work among the children, and go to Open-airs, and work in the Home League, and the League-of-Mercy? why are we Soldiers in the Salvation Army? Is it that sinners may be saved, that the sorrowful may be comforted, that the children may be kept from wandering into the broad way, that we may be as watchmen on the walls of Zion, or is it that we may be in the limelight, that we may be admired for our talent and ability in divers directions? God grant that our service may be prompted by the continual prayer:

"Now, Lord, let my light so shine,
That the world may know Him Thine;
May I bear much fruit in Thee,
That shall stand eternally."

NEXT WEEK'S SUBJECT: "The Place of Faith in Spiritual Work."

Chaplain's Work at the Base Dep

Some further experiences of Captain Steele with the Canadian Troops in France—Making a bad soldier into a good one—Arranging the future of an ex-pugilist—Helping a drug fiend to win the victory

PREVIOUS to going to the front Chaplain Captain Steele spent some months at the Canadian Base Depot at Havre. The Florence Booth Hut was in course of erection when he arrived there and part of his duties consisted in arranging for fatigue parties to work on the building. When it was opened Ensign and Mrs. Benyon were sent from England to take charge of the refreshment bar, while Captain Steele was made responsible for the spiritual and recreational work amongst the men. Meetings were conducted every week-night and twice on Sundays. These were well attended and rarely came to a close without numbers coming forward to seek Salvation. The highest number of seekers at any one service was 51, while there were never less than 15.

Captain Steele in His Field Uniform

The men seemed particularly susceptible to religious influences when at the Base Depot, waiting to go up the line. No doubt their nearness to the front with the uncertainty of what would happen to them, tended to make them serious and thoughtful about the state of their souls.

Enlisted Several Times

The Captain has some very interesting stories to relate concerning some of the converts. After the close of one Sunday evening service a lad came to him in the Chaplain's room and said he wanted to make a confession and ask advice as to what to do. It was a long and rambling story that the Chaplain patiently listened to. In brief it was as follows:

All, as we will call him, had enlisted in Canada several times, only to be discharged from the various Battalions for bad conduct. Finally, however, he managed to keep good long enough to get overseas with the Strathcona Horse. In England he again acted up and was discharged as worthless and incorrigible. Nothing daunted by these setbacks to his military career he joined himself to another Battalion and was provided with a uniform and his medals by some of the men. He avoided parades of course, and managed to escape the notice of officers and non coms, actually getting to France with the Battalion and going up the line.

The monotony and hardness of life at the front did not suit him however, and he decided to have a change. So he jumped on a train one day and got as far as Abbeville. Now the military police in the French towns behind the line were always in the look-out for anyone absent without leave, and were very strict about demanding to see every soldier's pass.

Borrowed a Pass

This little difficulty Alf overcame by borrowing a pass from an obliging fellow soldier. Armed with this he sauntered about the streets of Abbeville at will, living on what he could borrow or beg from good-natured chums. He was a real gentleman of leisure now, a military hobo, as we might say, and it suited him down to the ground. It was too good to last, however, and one day he got an inkling that a certain military policeman was suspicious of him and meant to closely cross-examine him when they met again. He suddenly became of the opinion that the air of Abbeville was not so good as he had thought, and that it would be good for him to seek another health and rest resort.

So he jumped another train and finally arrived in Havre, where he attached himself to a Battalion in camp there and remained several days. On this particular Sunday night, finding time hanging heavy on his hands, he had wandered into the Salvation Army Hut. The words of the Chaplain had pierced him like a knife and he woke up to the realization that he was playing a very cowardly and unworthy part, and was wasting his life to no purpose.

He was very ashamed and downcast as he confessed all this to the kindly Chaplain.

"I want to do better in the future," he said, "I want to play a man's part. What can I do to straighten things out?"

The Chaplain had a long and serious talk with him and advised him, as a first step, to give himself up to the military authorities and make a full confession of what he had done.

Given Another Chance

Alf did so, and the Chaplain then intereceded for him with the result that he was taken on the strength of a Battalion and given another chance. He went up the line shortly after, determined this time not to shirk his duty but to be a good soldier. And best of all he went with a new-born faith in God and a testimony that he was now a changed man and meant to do the right thing all the time.

Here is another story. A tall, powerful man, with clean cut features and keen eyes came deliberately out to the penitent form one Sunday night. He was of a very fierce type to All. Strength and determination seemed to be his characteristics and he was known as one of the best and steadiest soldiers in the Battalion. He got definitely converted and gave a good testimony before his comrades.

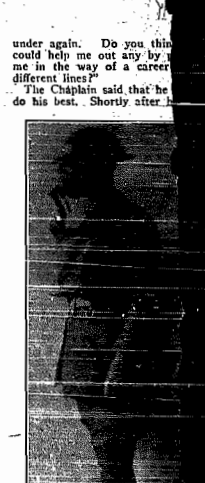
A few days later he sought out the Chaplain and said he wanted advice. There was evidently something troubling him.

Was a Pugilist

"You see it is like this padre," he said, "Before I enlisted I was a professional pugilist. Now what am I to do when I return to civil life? I feel that I cannot keep my Christian experience and go back to the ring. I'll have to make a clean break from old associations or go under again. Do you think could help me out any by me in the way of a career different lines?"

The Chaplain said that he do his best. Shortly after

Wounded men being conveyed to the rear. The Captain often accompanied the Parties and did what he could to help the men.



How a Gas-Mask is Wo

talking with an Officer at the who is an employer of labou Canada and he happened to me the case of the ex-pugilist.

"Tell him not to worry abou future," said the officer, "I'll see he is fixed up alright on his r to Canada."

So the Captain was glad to service to this comrade in a ma as well as a spiritual way. I the two go hand-in-hand and not well be separated.

One more instance conve convert is as follows.—The kneeling at the Mercy Seat w desperate earnest but could seem to get the victory.

"What is the matter?" sai Chaplain as he knelt by his "Can I help you in any way?"

"I am a drug user," said the looking up with doubt and tainty pictured in his face.

"Well, Christ can break eve ter," said the Chaplain end ingly.

"But the habit has got a hold of me. I feel I cannot ove it," said the man in a tone of de

"What drug do you use?"

"Opium. I get to taking the

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WITH OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN CAMP AND AT THE FRONT

MILITARY MEDAL

Awarded to a Winnipeg Bandsman for Service Rendered

Another of our comrades has been awarded the Military Medal for service on the field, in the person of Bandsman Hiddleston of Winnipeg.

Bandsman Hiddleston

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Winnipeg II. Corps. He has been overseas for the last two years.

During that time God has kept him free from sin and his testimony has been clear in his letters home, that "it pays to serve God." He is the son of Sister Mrs. Hiddleston, a faithful comrade of No. II. Corps.

During the sickness of Captain and Mrs. Tyrer, who were both seriously ill with Spanish influenza, Sister Mrs. Hiddleston took their baby to her home and cared for it, thus relieving them of a great deal of anxiety.

WELCOME HOME

A great "welcome home" was extended to Private F. Arnold at Victoria on Dec. 16th. He arrived back unexpectedly or the Band would have been at the station to greet him, but on his arrival at the hall all the comrades sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," and also "Welcome Home," while the flags hung over his head. Captain Ashby read Psalm 148 and thanked God for his return.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT

Notes on Salvation Army Work for the Returning Men and Their Womenfolk

Some weeks ago the Commissioner decided to create a new position—that of Military Secretary for Toronto. The increasing activities of the Salvation Army's connection with military affairs had reached the point where this became a necessity. The term "military" might seem to particularize, but when one gets an insight into the many sides of the work, it indicates a very wide and spoiled field.

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A few Sundays ago a military officer of high rank rushed into the Reso Hostel to ask if the Salvation Army could do anything about a trip in the situation he was suddenly up against. A train from New York, with four hundred and fifty women and children aboard, was just about entering the Union Station. They had crossed the Atlantic on the "Olympic" and notice had been delayed. In fifteen minutes several Officers were on the scene, and some families going beyond Toronto were cared for over night in one of our Institutions.

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Troop trains are arriving every few days, and our Officers are meeting two trains some days. In this connection a word of appreciation is due to the Dovercourt and Lisgar Street Bands, who, between them, and with reinforcements from Lippincott, relieved the tedium of the long wait at North Toronto station when the first big train arrived with returned men. Between them these Bands played for over three hours, and so helped the thousands who stood around the station to forget the chilling cold and the snowfall—at least to some extent. When the train arrived at 2 a.m. the Bands contributed to no small measure to the tumult of sound that said in a language easily understood to the boys, "Welcome Home!"

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There are many other features in connection with this work, such as hospital visitation and visiting the homes where a loved one will never return. In fact, anywhere where our workers can be of service they are always ready to be on the job.

By a programme just arranged, Salvation Army activities will be carried on in hospitals and similar institutions six nights a week. Many of these will be of a musical character, and all with a view to creating a bright hour for the men.

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A victrola and a piano have been placed by the Salvation Army in one of the hospitals, and Chaplain Captain McElheney says the men in the ward were "tickled to death"—we understand, however, that casualties were not serious. At this same hospital a Christmas entertainment by Ensign and Mrs. Laurie and the distribution of two hundred and fifty boxes of chocolate—the Commissioner's Christmas gift to the boys—provided a happy evening for the inmates.

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The Dovercourt Band gave a splendid programme at the Base Hospital on Monday night. At the close Captain (Rev.) Harper, after expressing his high appreciation of the programme, said the Military Secretary had an announcement to make. When the boys heard that as a result of the Commissioner's kindness they were "dou-

pound of chocolates between then and Christmas, their expression of appreciation made the echoes ring among the rafters, and before they finished there was "Three cheers and a tiger" for the Band and the Commissioner.

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Writing to Commissioner Richards, relative to this visit, the Captain says:—

"On behalf of Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Hardy, D.S.O. Officer Commanding the Base Hospital, and of the Officers and men who comprise the staff, personnel and patients of the Hospital, I have the honour to express to you the sincere appreciation felt by all for the gifts and greetings for Christmas so happily given by Major Southall, Bandmaster Pierce and the members of Dovercourt Band last evening.

"Our men thoroughly enjoyed the evening's entertainment given by the Band, and all the more so after I had announced that the Band had given twenty-seven members to the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Major Southall was a very welcome visitor, and the boxes of chocolates so generously given to the men and

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FROM THE BOYS OVERSEAS

Home League Parcels of Comforts Are Welcome to the Belleville Lads—Some Extracts from Their Letters

THE following extracts from letters received by members of the Belleville Home League, not only show what a good work the League has done in sending comforts to the troops overseas, but also how much the boys appreciate what is done in their behalf.

Sergeant Holton, C. Company, 11th C.R.F's, writes as follows:—

"It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of a parcel from you, with a very good selection of articles. It came like a God-send, as all such things do here, as there is always some little thing that we are badly in need of out here and cannot buy for money. Although I have nothing to complain of in general, I consider that everything possible has been done for the health and comfort of the troops under the circumstances. The good health and spirits I have enjoyed for two years is one of the most remarkable things I have noticed. Of course we have had some very strenuous times, but we expected that.

"I might say I have just come off duty after thirty-six hours on with almost a steady down-pour of rain. I think before this letter reaches you the war will be over, and peace will come at last with victory—and then the great home-coming will soon start. I hope to live to see it through now, which I am very thankful for, as no one can realize or form the slightest idea of what real war means, unless they have been through it themselves. I often wondered how a man could be left alive in some of the bombardments that have been going on here for days and nights, without a minute's pause. Thanking you all again, and hoping to see you all shortly when the peace of the world is signed for ever."

"I received your parcel in excellent condition, which I appreciated very much," writes Sapper Roberts. "I also have three other Belleville boys join with me and we send our thanks for the parcel, as everything that comes from Belleville we share. We are the only four Belleville boys in this Company."

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"I thank you kindly for parcel received," writes Pte. J. Grant. "It is wonderful how you come to know just what we want. I hope in the near future I will have the pleasure of personally thanking the Home League members for their kindness."

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"The parcel from the Home League arrived to-day," writes Pte. Mowatt, "and I thank you for it, especially for the socks. Everything is useful and the sugar has already come into use for sweetening coffee. I am friendly with a few chaps who are the best of fellows and all Christians. They are great home-lovers and very handy at doing little household jobs. They like to fix up a little supper about 8 or 9 o'clock at night, for supper is at 4 o'clock, so it is a long time between then and breakfast. Then is the time sugar is in great request.

"God has been my help and has saved me in marvellous ways from danger during this past year. Praise Him. I believe that with all my faults and failings I am nearer to Him now than ever I was."

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"I was so very pleased a few days ago to receive the parcel from the Home League," writes Pte. Adams. "It was so very kind of you to send it. Well, the end of this awful long war is here at last, and I hope it will not be long before we are all home again."

"SCOTTIE'S" INFLUENCE

A Hamilton Comrade Makes Splendid Impression at an English Corps

"I am writing to you about one of your Canadian Salvationists who has just farewelled to go back to his homeland," writes Brother Jeffreys from Bexhill-on-Sea. "How we shall miss him. All he lived for was the extension of God's Kingdom. Sergeant Charters conducted all the Sunday Open-air, and if you could have seen the boys gather round to hear "Scottie" as they all called him, it would have done your soul good.

"The boys used to gather round the Sunday night stand ready for us to start, and if the Sergeant was not there just on time there were always enquiries as to where he was. He could get good collections too, and what was better his was not a Sunday Salvation. The Sergeant had a little prayer meeting in his hut every night with the boys. He used to tell us that about a dozen of them would meet every night. They would read a chapter and then the Sergeant would pray with them. The local paper termed him the Drum-Major of the Army. He was always at the head of the march, swinging his kilt in true Scotch fashion. I cannot say all that I feel about him, but Sergeant Charters of Hamilton has left a memory in the Bexhill-on-Sea Corps that will never die out."

GRATEFUL FOR PARCEL

In a letter to Commandant Mercer of Stratford, Sergeant Gates of the Canadian Musketry Corps at Aldershot, says:—

"I am sure it is very kind of you and all your fellow-workers to remember us boys who are far away from our homes and our loved ones. I am more than grateful to you all for the nice little parcel you sent me some time ago, which I received quite safe. Nothing could have been more useful to a soldier."

ALL UNDER THE BLOOD & FIRE FLAG

WEST INDIES

INCREASED FACILITIES FOR CONDUCTING SALVATION ARMY OPERATIONS ON THE ISLAND OF ST. THOMAS

For three weeks the comrades of the Salvation-Army Corps at Charlotte Amelie, St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands, had pushed their red-hot campaign, in common with their fellow-Salvationists throughout the West Indian Territory, and had not seen a single capture from the ranks of sin. Things had been hard here, in what was called, until recently, the Danish West Indies, but the American authorities now in control have a better conception of Salvation Army work, and have granted facilities for carrying it forward. To the Blood and Fire warriors, who looked for advances and a corresponding result attending the campaign, it was the more disappointing to see it close without penitents being recorded. Yet they hung on in faith and they received due reward.

Prayer Answered

Just at this time, Colonel Bullard, the Territorial Commander, arrived, and went straight away to a crowded Hall and conducted an enthusiastic meeting, but there were no visible results at the Mercy Seat. How those Salvationists prayed! How they looked into their hearts to see if any lack or hindrance might be in them! The next night the Colonel held another meeting, and the topic was Salvation, from sin, from all sin; Salvation on the spot; and Salvation for instant and unconditional surrender to the claims of Jesus. Faith rose to the prayer-battle undismayed, and in the end twelve people knelt seeking pardon from God. Hallelujahs, loud and long, resounded through the Hall. The first to volunteer was the wife of the Colour-Sergeant, who had long held out stubbornly. Another shrieked at the top of her voice and then came out. It was a great time!

Our local comrades have succeeded in renting a splendid Hall on a main street and in a most central position. It is finely suited to our work, seating over 300 people. This is a great acquisition, and will help the Corps very much. There are at present twenty-five good Soldiers on the Roll, and a number of Recruits, and the future is full of promise.

NEW ZEALAND

SPLENDID VICTORY IN SELF-DENIAL AND RED JERSEY CAMPAIGNS

At a Self-Denial ingathering presided over by Commissioner Hodder at Wellington, the splendid total of $250,000 was announced. This is an advance of $57,785 over the previous year. In addition to this magnificent sum $81,425 has been raised for the Red Jersey War Fund, making the large total of $761,425 for the two Efforts.

This is a remarkable victory and is a striking evidence of the high place the Army holds in the confidence and esteem of the New Zealanders.

ARMY BEGINNINGS IN JAVA

Lieut.-Colonel Brouwer, Who Was the Pioneer Officer, Relates Some of His Experiences in Tackling Problems of Missionary Service in a New Field of Labour

RECENT visitors to Toronto were Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Brouwer, who are passing through Canada on their way from Holland to China. The Colonel has been appointed Chief Secretary in this newest Army Territory. As he was the Army's pioneer Officer in Java, in the Dutch East Indies, we obtained an interesting first-hand story of the beginnings of our work in that far-off and difficult mission field.

Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Brouwer and their Daughter, Melattie

Appointed to Java

It was in 1894 that he was appointed to commence Army operations in Java. When the Governor-General heard that the Salvation Army was coming to the island he got alarmed, with the result that the Dutch Minister of the Colonies sent for Commissioner Oliphant, who was then in charge of our work in Holland, and questioned him closely as to the aims and objects of this new venture. The Commissioner was fully able to set the Minister's mind at rest and permission was given for the Army to go ahead with its plans.

So Ensign Brouwer duly arrived at Batavia in company with another comrade, and had the misfortune to immediately fall ill. He was cared for by his comrade till he recovered, and then the other took sick and the Ensign had to look after him. It was not a very promising start, but the brave pioneers were not daunted.

As soon as he was able the Ensign secured an interview with the Governor-General and completely satisfied him as to the Army's intentions, with the result that orders were sent to all local authorities to grant every freedom to the Army.

A Very Hard Language

The next obstacle to overcome was the language. It was indeed a formidable problem to tackle, for no less than five varieties of it are spoken. A European can get along tolerably well with a knowledge of two of them however. To the Ensign it was like learning French and English. The Ngoko language is the low one and is used by superiors to inferiors; Kromo is the high language and is used by children when speaking to parents, servants to masters, etc.

In order to more speedily master this difficult tongue the two Officers went to the village of Poerworedjo, in the heart of the island, where they lived in the hut of a native chief. They adopted the customs of the people around them, sleeping on bamboo mats, sitting on the floor, eating with their fingers, etc.

And thus they very soon were able to converse with the natives and to read portions of Scripture to them. Their next move was to go to a village called Sapoeran, where they rented a hut for the sum of three guilders a month (about $1.10). The landlord very obligingly threw in his services as watchman in addition and every night slept on the mat outside their door. He had good need to thus closely guard his property as it turned out, for on the very first night the Officers moved to a hut of their own they were awakened by the cry of fire. Looking out they saw the house they had just vacated going up in flame and smoke. It was evidently some villager taking revenge on the owner of the hut.

Re-inforcements Come

After eighteen months of labour at this village news came of reinforcements on the way. The two Officers went to Semarang to meet their new fellow-workers and whilst there had the opportunity of holding some meetings with the Dutch military men.

Quite a number of Eurasians, or half castes, came to these meetings and many were led into the light of Salvation. From these the work spread to the Javanese natives and the Chinese residents of the place.

Java was then attached to the Australian Territory, and Officers began to arrive from the Land of the Southern Cross. One of these, Adjutant Twyford, became Mrs. Brouwer. Only three weeks after their marriage, Staff-Captain Brouwer, as he was then, was prostrated with cholera and his life was despaired of. "It is, I believe, only due to the prayers of my Officer comrades and those beautiful native converts that I am here to-day," said the Colonel. "When, by the grace of God, I reach Heaven, the first ones I shall want to greet will be those devoted souls who were won from heathenism to God in those pioneering days."

The Colonel spoke of one Officer, Captain Healey, who literally gave her life for Java. Terrible floods, followed by an epidemic of cholera, had reduced the people in one district to great misery and destitution. The Captain volunteered to do relief work amongst them and for some time she worked heroically, nursing the sick and burying the dead. Worn out by her exertions she fell a victim to the dread cholera. Her funeral made a deep impression on the natives and some of the chiefs formed a mounted bodyguard around the hearse.

Misery and Distress

Later on there was more widespread misery and distress. The buffaloes died, the rice was eaten by insects, the crops failed, the floods devasted wide tracts and washed away many villages. Starving people in hundreds flocked into Boegangan and the authorities were at their wits'-end to know how to deal with them. They crowded 1,500 into the public jail and provided food for them. But this did not check the begging and stealing, or cure them of the many diseases from which they suffered. What these poor people needed most of all was wise and loving oversight and thoughtful care. Then the authorities asked the Salvation Army to do what it could.

Staff-Captain and Mrs. Brouwer and other Officers therefore moved their Headquarters to the jail and lived and worked for these poor people, with the result that things very much improved.

This was really the start of the Army's Social and Relief work in Java. A school was opened for the children, medical work was commenced, and Salvation meetings held. Many orphan girls and neglected children were cared for here and have since grown up and become useful and noted Officers.

This is but a fleeting glimpse at the work done by the Java pioneers. The foundations were well laid, however, during those years of toil, struggle, and hardship, and the work has gone on increasing in extent every year since, till now it includes spiritual work at 85 Corps and Outposts, two Leper Colonies, an Eye Hospital, and 14 Social Institutions, with a force of Officers numbering over three hundred.

INDIA

A SALVATION MEETING IN A VILLAGE RESULTS IN 78 CAPTURES

Describing a meeting in India, Major Dayasagar writes:—

"It was night time at Dhotka. We had only the lights of one or two handlamps, so that all looked dark beyond the congregation. The latter were all squatting on the ground. The Colonel and his Staff had been garlanded according to custom, and there was some heart-singing and simple, straight Salvation talk, in which all were interested, until interest developed into conviction. After the way of Salvation had been explained the invitation was given and the penitents came forward in groups until seventy-eight persons, young and old, were seeking Salvation."

Latest Despatches From The Firing Line

ARMY'S MISSION WORK

In the Far East Described by Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Brouwer at Windsor, Ontario

On Monday evening, Dec. 16th, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Brouwer and daughter were with us. They were well received, and Captain H. Taylor extended a warm welcome on behalf of the Soldiers and comrades of the border cities.

The Colonel was very interesting in his edifying talk on Missionary Work in Java. All were delighted with hearing the Colonel and admire his sterling spirit and missionary aspirations for the Salvation of the Chinese people. The comrades, at the request of Captain Taylor, pledged themselves to continually pray for the blessing of God to abide with the Colonel, his wife, and their daughter. The Colonel's remarks make us feel more than ever like pushing the Self-Denial Effort.

Mrs. Colonel Brouwer spoke of her consecration to God, and related in a few words some of the modes and customs, with some stirring incidents, of conversions of natives in the Far East.

TWO WEEKS' CAMPAIGN

Conducted at Sarnia by Sergeant-Major Levitt—52 Seekers

We have just finished a two weeks' revival campaign conducted by Sergeant-Major Levitt, of Forest. These two weeks have been a great blessing to the comrades. Fifty-two persons have knelt at the penitent form in thirty-nine services. One day there were five meetings. Prayer meetings were held in the comrades' homes morning and afternoon every day. They were heart-searching, inspiring and delightful. Some of the Soldiers fully surrendering all. We have had a special singing brigade and solos. God has been in our midst and we are to win. Captain Ashby put heart and soul into this campaign; Mrs. Ashby being unable to assist much on account of weakness after illness. We earnestly ask the prayers of God's people, asking in faith for strength for both Mrs. Ashby and the Captain.

On Saturday, Dec. 14th, our meeting took the form of a Thanksgiving Meeting for Secretary Bailey, who has been away working on the docks on the lakes all summer.

RE-OPENING SERVICES

At Peterboro II. Were Helpful and Encouraging—Five Seekers

As a result of our Officers at Peterboro II. being stricken during the recent influenza epidemic, we were forced to close down for a time, but we have now re-opened and are believing for great things. The work will be carried on under the supervision of Adjutant Bunton (the No. 1. Corps), and we have welcomed Lieutenant Newman who to assist.

On Sunday last, which was our first time of re-opening, we had bright helpful services all day, with an average attendance of forty-five at the three meetings. During the morning service God came very near to us, and we were greatly helped and encouraged. At the close of the night service we had the joy of seeing five souls kneeling at the foot of the Cross.—M. Yost.

PRAYER CARDS

Soldiers of Indian Head Corps Keep List of Those They are Praying For—Many Souls Getting Saved

The Indian Head Corps is in a flourishing condition. On Saturday night, Dec. 7th, there was quite a nice gathering in the Hall and Captain Smith spoke on the remission of sin. One young man came forward and got well saved. He gave up his tobacco and said he had been convicted about two months, and had been longing to understand the teachings of Christ. On Sunday he testified to the power of God and said he had never been so happy. The Captain spoke on the Divine Command! "Be ye Holy," and two came out for sanctification. At night the Hall was filled and the Captain spoke earnestly. Mrs. Smith soloed very feelingly and at the close of the prayer meeting, there were eight for Salvation.

Captain Smith has cards printed with the heading "Prayer Changes Things," and below are the words "I am praying for you." Each Soldier takes one of these and writes the name of the persons they are praying for on it, and it makes quite a difference in the Corps to know that each comrade is praying for other souls to be converted. For instance, a farmer went to Melville to see the Captain, but he found that he had been transfered to Indian Head, so he took the next train and arrived at the town. He found out the Captain and asked him to pray with him, which he did, and he got well saved.—R. J. Corbin (from Regina).

THANKFUL SPIRIT

Prevails in Meetings at Huntsville

After being closed for two months on account of the epidemic, we started our meetings again on Sunday, Dec. 15th.

The Holiness Meeting was a season of great blessing. The crowd was an evidence of the spirit of thankfulness that we were able to meet together again.

Rev. B. Cunningham (Free Methodist) spoke at this meeting and his words were much enjoyed. Captain Larman then spoke from the words "Perfecting Holiness." The spirit was manifested, in that a number stood and consecrated themselves and sang "My Idols I Cast at Thy Feet."

At night Rev. Cunningham addressed us from the text, "Come Unto Me." After exhortations were given by the Captain, two Young People came to the Mercy Seat.—J.E.L.

Corps Cadets Eva Moffitt and Violet Chapman, of Edmonton I., the first Sacrifice of Chinese "War Cry" in Canada. They sold 20 copies in 15 minutes, and reported that the Chinese wanted more. Another 20 have been ordered.

MEN'S SOCIAL SECRETARY

Leads Sunday Meetings at Edmonton I.—Five Seekers—Returned Soldier's Gratitude to Army

On Sunday, Dec. 7th, Major Sims (the Men's Social Secretary) paid a very unexpected, but nevertheless welcome, visit to Edmonton I., conducting the meetings all day. His presence was a real inspiration; his talks were full of blessing and help, and, best of all, the day's work was crowned with five seekers for consecration or restoration at the Penitent Form.

During the recent epidemic of Spanish influenza in the city, the Corps' Officers, Adjutant and Mrs. Johnstone, with various comrades of the Corps, have done their share in fighting the disease. The Adjutant acted on one of the district committees, and Mrs. Johnstone helped by visitation, etc., to relieve some of the suffering and distress.

Corps Cadet Sergeant Laura Cummins has recently undergone an operation on one of her ears, but is now very nearly well again.

As the Officers and comrades were holding the usual Monday night open-air meeting in front of the Alberta Hotel, a man stepped into the ring and asked to be allowed to speak, afterwards handing to Mrs. Johnstone a five-dollar bill. He did so, he said, because when he was coming out of the trenches on the Western front, the Salvation Army gave him a "square deal."

GIVE GOD THANKS

For Spared Lives and for Coming of Peace

Our first meeting at Medicine Hat in seven weeks was held on Thursday night, Nov. 9th, when a nice crowd gathered to give thanks to God, both for the lives that were spared to us through the epidemic and for peace." The attendances at all open-air meetings are very good and we are glad to report increased attendance in our indoor meetings. Those of our comrades who were laid aside for some time with the "flu" are progressing favourably—many of them being back again in the "firing line."

Sunday, Dec. 8th, the Holiness meeting and Salvation meeting at night were taken by Brother Shaver, a comrade, who although not a Salvationist, is anxious to help on the work of God. We felt the Spirit of God in each meeting, and all received a definite blessing. Both outdoors and inside many listened to the "Old Story." Sister Mrs. Taylor and Cadet Eva Taylor's duet was appreciated by all.

BRIGADIER HAY

Leads Sunday Meetings at Lethbridge—Service at Jail

On Sunday, Dec. 7th, Brigadier Hay, conducted the meetings all day at Lethbridge. In the morning he gave an address to a good audience on the text, "Pride goeth before destruction."

In the afternoon the Brigadier, assisted by Cadet Clara Clapham and Envoy Dawson, led a good praise meeting. The jail service, which Adjutant Hamilton and Sisters Margaret Redshaw and Otwick, had charge of, was a profitable time to the prisoners. We had a very good meeting at night.—H. D.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY

Leads Good Week-End Meetings at Peterboro I.—Twelve Seekers—Band Meets Returned Soldiers

We are still on the up-grade at Peterboro I., and God is wonderfully blessing us. Attendances are excellent and in the meetings, both Senior and Junior, a real spirit of unity prevails.

On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14-15, we had with us Brigadier and Mrs. Bettridge, and although the weather was somewhat unfavourable the crowds were splendid.

God came very near in the Sunday morning service, and while we listened to the Brigadier's talk on "Watchfulness," our hearts were stirred within us. One Bandsman volunteered for the blessing of Holiness.

In the afternoon Brigadier and Mrs. Bettridge visited the Company Meeting, and there and also in the afternoon service delighted the children and grown-ups with illustrated Bible stories.

At night a real old-fashioned battle for souls was fought, and during the prayer meeting we had the joy of seeing eleven souls kneeling at the Cross. Our Band recently met a number of returned soldiers at the railway station.

Fifteen men for Peterboro and sixteen bound for Lindsay were on board the train. The local veterans went to their homes and Adjutant Bunton was making arrangements to take the Lindsay boys to a restaurant for refreshments when Mayor Duncan appeared on the scene and assumed the responsibilities of host for the occasion.

Led by the Band, the returned men marched to the Boston Cafe, and afterwards departed on a special train for their home town.—M. Yost.

MACLEOD CORPS CADETS

Are Red-Hot Workers for God

On Tuesday night, Dec. 10th, the Corps Cadets took the meeting, which was a time of great blessing.

In the Open-air people gathered around to hear these young Corps Cadets telling out the story of Jesus. We had a good march back to the Hall with lively singing.

These Corps Cadets are red-hot workers for the Master and always ready to do their utmost for His Kingdom.

The indoor meeting was carried on in real Army style, some giving out songs, others praying, others soloing, and three speaking on Bread, Salt, and Life, each giving to us some great and inspiring thoughts and pointing out the way of Salvation to sinners.

TOOK ACTIVE PART

In All Meetings During Visit to Springdale, Nfld.

Adjutant C. Peach recently visited us at Springdale. Owing to the influenza epidemic Lewisporte Corps was closed for a certain length of time, so the Adjutant came over to spend a few days with us. The boat was several days behind time, and the Adjutant was there for two Sundays.

She took active parts in all services, read the Lesson twice each Sunday, and also at some week-night services. Every one appreciated her visit and enjoyed her talks very much.

Woman's Work, Ways and Warfare.

HOME LEAGUE NOTES

The Home League of St. Thomas Corps held their annual Sale of Work on Thursday, Dec. 12th. It was opened by Adjutant Ash, assisted by. Mrs. Ash, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Voisey, Mrs. Yarwood, Mrs. Wright and others.

The Corps Comrades were jubilant at seeing so many present, and showed their appreciation by the hearty welcome extended to all. The St. Thomas Band was present and rendered a splendid programme of music and song, during which a splendid baton was presented to Bandmaster Allen as a mark of respect and goodwill, by the Bandsmen and Bandswoman. The several booths came in for a large share of patronage.

Much credit is due to the Comrades named above for the splendid success of the Sale.

The sum of $613 was raised, of which $20 went to the Band-of-Love, $20 to the Corps, $10 to the League of Mercy, $50 for comforts for the boys overseas, the remainder to the Home League. We have a membership of 37.—Mrs. Wright, Home League Secretary.

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Belleville.—We have been busy of late making garments for the Cradle Roll Christmas Tree.

On Monday, Dec. 2nd, we had forty members present out of seventy. We miss our late Secretary very much, but will do our best to keep the good work going forward.—E. Braun.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

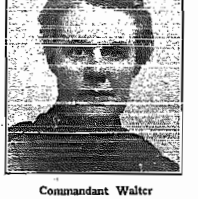
Mrs. Commissioner Bowton gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following for the boys overseas: Lethbridge Home League, 10 pairs socks; Victoria League of Mercy, 18 pairs socks.

HER LIFE'S AMBITION

After Years of Patient Waiting the Door at Last Opens for a Woman Officer to Go to the Army's Mission Field

TWENTY-FOUR years ago the present Commandant Mrs. Walter, who recently farewelled from Territorial Headquarters for India, was left a widow with four small children to provide for. She knew not what to do or how to earn sufficient to maintain herself and family, until someone suggested that she should take a course of shorthand and typewriting.

This she did and eventually secured employment in a business office in London, England. She was very timid and nervous however and as a result was often unable to read her own notes. She was notified one day that her services were no longer required.



Commandant Walter

Her distress over this failure was very great. The future looked very black to her. Just at this time, however, she met with a Salvation Army Officer, who advised her to go to see Mrs. General Booth.

She found a very sympathetic friend in Mrs. Booth, one who seemed to thoroughly understand her feelings and say the right words to help and encourage. There was a vacancy for a stenographer at the Women's Social Headquarters, she said, and Mrs. Walter could have the position if she liked to come.

She very gladly accepted the offer and commenced her new duties. The kindness and patience of the Officers with whom she now came in contact helped her to overcome her nervousness and she rapidly gained more confidence in herself and became a very efficient stenographer.

Became An Officer

The opportunity was then given her of becoming an Officer and she went to the Foreign Office with the rank of Lieutenant. Here she laboured happily for ten years. The correspondence from Missionary Officers that came under her notice made a deep impression on her. She admired their self-sacrificing devotion and a desire to emulate their example sprang up in her heart. To work for God in lands where heathenism still held sway became her great ambition.

When she volunteered her services for the Foreign Field, however, she was told that it was an impossibility to send her with four children. This was a great disappointment to her, but though she accepted the decision loyally and continued to do her best for God and the Army where she was placed, she secretly cherished the hope that some day the door to Missionary service would open to her.

"When the children have all grown up and are married, then perhaps God will let me go to work among the heathen." If not thus actually expressed, such was the thought of her heart, and she worked and prayed with this possibility constantly in view.

Emigrated to Canada

When the two boys grew up they emigrated to Canada and this led to Mrs. Walter and the two girls following soon after. Maude, the eldest girl, is now Mrs. Ensign Beckett and is labouring for God in the Army's newest Missionary Field—China. The three other children have also married during the eleven years that have elapsed since the family came to Canada.

Commandant Mrs. Walter during those years, has worked faithfully in various capacities at Territorial Headquarters and at the Training College. Latterly she has been stenographer in the Men's Social Department, and Lieut.-Colonel Hargreave, the Men's Social Secretary, paid a high tribute to her at a farewell service held in Lisgar Street Citadel.

For her life's ambition has now been realized and the way has opened for her to go to India.

"I am going with a glad heart," she said at a recent meeting of Headquarters' women Officers, "and full of joy at the thought of being able to do some service which demands a real sacrifice."

BELGIAN OFFICER

Four Years in Charge of Corps Under German Rule

Stirring Story of Brave Continuation of Salvation Service Throughout—Meetings Well Attended—Souls at Penitent Form—Misery Lightened

TRIBUTE TO THE CANADIAN ARMY

Adjutant Renaud, a Belgian Officer, in charge of the Corps at Quaregnon, and who remained at her post throughout the German occupation, in a letter to Colonel Cooke of International Headquarters (which was taken to London by a Canadian soldier who is a Salvationist), gives the following thrilling account of suffering and deliverance. From this letter, by the kindness of the Colonel, who has sent a copy to the Canadian "War Cry," we are able to take the following extracts:—

"We are at last delivered from our captivity. It was by the valiant Canadian Army. We feel ourselves again masters in our own houses; no more need to try to hide the few things that remain to us; they are ours. For four years we have been totally ignorant of what has passed outside of Belgium. It was very long. Above all, we have no more fighting, no more death, no more bullets, no more machine guns, nor terrifying bombs. We can rest quietly without need to rush to the cellar. The peace! the calm!—what a sweet thing, what a rest!

Under Fire

"We have been for the second time under the fire of battle, for the first fights took place into us, but again one time more the Allpowerful Hand of our God has spared us and our comrades. Through these four years the Lord has marvellously aided and sustained us. He has always sent us our daily bread, and His grace has kept our souls strong, and has aided us to continue our work and carry hope round about us. Thanks to the care and generosity of our General, too, we have been able to lighten much misery.

"War is a frightful thing. The German yoke is hard and barbarous. They have made the innocent to suffer and have killed women, children and old people without reason; they have pillaged and treated all in a cruel and cowardly fashion. Sometimes I am filled with indignation and I have need that God helps me so that the hatred may not come into my heart.

"We have had bombs. One which fell only a few yards from our house during our Holiness meeting on a Sunday morning killed on the spot fifty civilians,—men, women and children,—twenty soldiers and many horses. Twenty children were killed. We have had the people seeking refuge in our cellar. Then we have had a great procession of people evacuated from the north of France and from the towns and villages on the frontier. What a sad procession! Those poor people carried their last possessions,—some on their backs, some on wheelbarrows, some on carts of all sorts constructed in a hurry. They brought also their little children,—the sick and those unable to walk,—the men, the women, and the children dragging these on the road under a fearful rain and in the midst of the German army in flight. An army in flight is something very sad, and when I saw the mournful procession that has lasted for days and days and days my heart was seired by profound anguish. What can be the thoughts of God at seeing all these horrors? What can we do before such a flood of iniquity?

Met German Officers

"We have seen several Officers of the German Salvation Army; one above all, we have loved much. He was a real child of God. Ensign Heitman, a man who suffers because of the iniquity of his country, a real Salvationist; also one of the sons of Lieut.-Colonel Tretle. He was a child of the Army. I wonder if he still lives, as he had to go to rejoin his regiment at Valenciennes two days before the battle.

No Army News

"If you can send me a 'War Cry' and 'The Officer,' I shall be glad. For four years we have had no Salvation Army news. I told the comrades of the Corps that I would write. They begged me to send their salutations, and they thank The General and the Salvation Army for all the care that has been rendered to them during these four years. The brave Canadian army which came to deliver us, is such a beautiful army; so well equipped, and its well-mounted soldiers are kind, quiet and clean. A Canadian Captain presided over our meetings last Sunday. It was most beautiful.

"During the war, in spite of the difficulties that we have had, our meetings have been well attended, and whole families have come to us and become Salvationists. Many souls have knelt at the penitent form. God has been with us, and His power has been manifested amongst us in the working of miracles of grace. To Him be all the glory!"

NEXT WEEK

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Practical Service

WE think all our readers will feel we are abundantly justified in asserting that the record we print this week of effort in the interests of the men of the Canadian forces and their women folk who are returning home, is one of which every Salvationist may be justifiably proud. And this not only in regard to present accomplishment, but even more so in promise for the future, as showing that organization is in existence which is ready for any emergency which may arise.

The report of what was done on the occasion of the landing of the Minnedosa's passengers at St. John gives details which may at first glance strike a reader as being almost too small for record, but it was this very attention to detail that enabled the comrades who dealt with the situation there to score a decided success, and we call attention to it now as being on account of its practicality, the best possible evidence that the Salvation Army is to manner born for such emergencies.

But this is only one phase of the Army's many-sided Military Department. There is hardly a page of our present number which does not contain news of some one or other of the helpful agencies which are at work, from the opening of a new Hostel at Vancouver, to the visitation and taking of Christmas cheer to the men in Hospitals at home, as well as the various directions in which work is being carried on with those still overseas.

Delightful Discoveries

THE Red Shield Campaign is leading to many discoveries, but none more pleasing than the delightful manner in which it is disclosing the widespread sympathy there is for every effort in the interests of Dominion soldiers, and in particular for those with which the Salvation Army is associated.

Men who have large businesses of their own, or who occupy positions of great responsibility, are giving without stint of their time and energy to the Campaign. If anything more than love for and desire to help the soldier were needed to stir Salvationists to the putting forth of the best that is in them in endeavour to help and bless him and his, it would be the wholehearted, most kindly and warm manner in which the friends who are acting on the committees for the Drive are tackling the oft-time arduous work of getting the organization formed up and plitting the Campaign over.

We are only repeating what has been said again by Officers who have been brought into association with the friends to whom we refer in saying when we say that this association is a source of real inspiration.

Not a Religious "Extra"

WE would remind our readers of The General's call for Candidates for Officership. The need for Officers is very great, and merely to provide for the work of the Salvation Army as it already exists, but to enable the Organization to enter the multitudinous doors of opportunity for helpful service which stand wide open all over the world.

We would point out here that responsibility for doing all one can for the Salvation of one's fellows does not devolve upon a few specially selected people, but rests equally upon everyone who has partaken of the benefits of God's love and mercy. Nor is consecration to the service of God in this way a kind of religious "extra" which one who is desirous of earning special blessing may take up if one wishes, but which one may neglect or delegate to someone else without suffering loss or being likely to be called to account.

No, upon every single individual, no matter who he or she may be, who has obtained Salvation through Christ there lies the obligation to use every means and opportunity to proclaim Christ to others. A little thought will show this to be the case without the necessity of any argument to demonstrate it.

Then the next consideration falls naturally into a question. "If this is so, am I discharging this duty?" A reply can only be given in the affirmative if two other questions can be satisfactorily answered: (1) Am I doing all I can to carry out this mission where I am? and (2) Am I in my right place?

Men, Mothers, and Children

THE SALVATION ARMY TAKES ACTIVE PART IN WELCOME HOME AT LANDING PORTS

The Chief Secretary Tells of Practical Measures Which Earned Gratitude of Minnedosa's Passengers—St. John Organized for Service—Mothers and Infants Specially Cared for—All-Round Helpfulness Displayed

THE various Women's societies of St. John, N.B., have been organized into Receiving Committees, the Salvation Army being associated with the Ladies' Patriotic and the Red Cross. On this committee Mrs. Brigadier Barr represents the Salvation Army.

The Chief Secretary (Colonel McMillan) was in St. John on the occasion of the arrival of the Minnedosa. On the Friday evening he called together some Officers and made arrangements for the meeting of this boat, which carried a large number of women and children, a great many of the latter being infants. In the absence of Mrs. Barr, on account of illness, Mrs. Ensign Condie took charge of the women workers.

Well Prepared

"We decided," writes the Colonel, "that we would procure a good supply of babies' bottles, also some fresh milk and a supply of nipples for bottles, as well as comforters. Then, too, we had scores of little face-cloths, pieces of toilet soap and small tins of talcum powder, a number of strips of flannel, a quantity of oil of peppermint, vaseline, cough candy, small handkerchiefs for the children, needles and thread, and in addition tapes, safety pins, etc. We also arranged to get a gross of cups and saucers, and a dozen big tea pots and boilers for making tea.

"The ship came up in the morning about nine o'clock. It was snowing a wet, sloppy snow. The decks were crowded with soldiers, and standing amongst them were many young women with their babies. As soon as the ship pulled in and the gangway was thrown across, Adjutant Best and I were among the first who climbed on board. We were greeted everywhere with cries of 'Good old Army.' In the name of the Salvation Army in Canada I bade all the boys on deck a hearty welcome back to their own country.

"I then went back to the dining room, where most of the women and children were waiting. It would have done one good to have seen the look of pleasure with which this fine body of women greeted the uniform. Our first encounter was with a big Canadian soldier, who came to us and said, 'You are just the people who can help men in my difficulty.' 'What is your difficulty?' 'Well, my wife has twins and I have to fall in with the troops on deck, and would like someone to help her to look after the babies on shore.' Of course we will look after them. Then there was another woman who was not at all well, and she had five children, and unfortunately her husband was not with her, so we took the whole lot under our wing.

"When they left the ship, we had relays of women meet the mothers when they stepped off at the bottom of the gangway, take their babies from them, and conduct them to the waiting room. Necessarily there was some delay before they could take the train, and it was during this interval that our women did very splendid work, and where their forethought told. Dozens and dozens of babies diapers had been procured and words of mine cannot express the gratitude of these young mothers for this thoughtfulness. One little baby appeared to be very ill. Mrs. Condie saw it, applied some liniment she had, wrapped it in warm flannel, and in a little time it had quite recovered. You can imagine the gratitude of the parents.

Many Requests for Help

"While we were in the sheds all kinds of people came to us. One distressed fellow asked us to help him with regard to his wife, who was coming on a later boat, as she had been unable to procure passage with him—would we see that someone met and looked after her? Another woman had secured passage, but her husband, a French-Canadian, had been detained. How could she get in touch with her husband's people, who were living in Quebec? In relays, we stood by the whole day, until the last train pulled out about ten o'clock at night.

"To fill in the time of waiting, Adjutant Best distributed postcards, which we afterwards collected and posted. Then, too, we arranged, as we were sending wires to all the main centres, if anyone gave us the name and address we would see that their wire was sent on. Naturally, there was quite a rush."

Prominent Workers in the Red Shield Campaign at Windsor, Ont.: (1) Mr. Harry Neal; (2) Mr. E. V. Smith; (3) Mr. Thomas McDonell; (4) Mr. Leo Claxton; (5) Mr. A. N. Lawrence

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PERSONAL AND NEWSY

INTERNATIONAL

The General has appointed Colonel Govaars to Serbia in order to undertake Salvation Army Relief Operations amongst the sufferings people of that much-distressed little nation. The Colonel has had previous experience of work in the Balkans, for it will be remembered that he spent some months in a similar undertaking in Serbia in the earlier stages of the war. He will be assisted by Ensign Wallace Simpson.

The General has now appointed Commissioner Mapp to take charge for the time being of the Army's operations amongst British troops in France. His wide experience in Army service peculiarly fits him for this important work to which he is going.

The Commissioner (says the British War Cry) will have the able assistance of Staff-Captain Mary Booth, who will act as his second in command. As is well known, the Staff-Captain has already been with the troops in France for more than three years, working with Lieut.-Colonel Maines during a large part of that time. The Staff-Captain has done splendid work with the Expeditionary Forces, will shortly be receiving another important appointment.

Lieut.-Colonel Greenaway, whose position and work at Havre have brought him into personal touch with ministers of the Belgian Government, has received a letter from the prime minister of Belgium. "We all appreciate," says the minister, "the tremendous help rendered us by the gallant soldiers of the British Empire, and we are acquainted with all the splendid work which your Army has done and continues to do." The Salvation Army has achieved.

"In the name of all my countrymen who have found help and consolation owing to the devotion and self-sacrifice of all the members of your Organization, I thank you and hope the future will allow us to show all the feelings of gratefulness which we now feel."

In the course of an interview given to the British War Cry on his return to International Headquarters, Commissioner Lamb says: "In Toronto, where the Territorial Headquarters for Canada East are situated, the work of the Territory, under direction of Commissioner Richards, is thriving. I met not only the Chief Secretary (Colonel McMillan), but also most of the leading Officers, and I praise God for all I saw and heard.

"In the West, at Winnipeg, I met Commissioner and Mrs. Sowton just coming off a Salvation Campaign in their Territory. That did not prevent the Commissioner, with the Chief Secretary (Colonel Turner) getting without any delay right down to business, covering amongst other things plans for doing more intensive work for the North American Indians, and a scheme for proclaiming the plan of Salvation in at least six languages to the centres on the wheat fields of Western Canada."

CANADA WEST

The Commissioner will conduct the Watchnight Service at the Winnipeg I. Corps on Tuesday, Dec. 31st, assisted by the Chief Secretary and Territorial and Divisional Staffs.

Commissioner and Mrs. Sowton will conduct special meetings at the Winnipeg VIII, and V. Corps on January 5th and 12th, respectively.

Mrs. Commissioner Sowton opened a Sale of Work and Home Cooking at the Rupert Street Citadel on Thursday, Dec. 19th. The proceeds from this sale were for soldiers' comforts.

Colonel Turner, assisted by Major Sims, will conduct meetings at Port Arthur and Fort William during the week ending Dec. 20th-29th.

The Annual Treat for Officers' Children will be held at the Rupert Street Citadel on Friday, Dec. 27th. There will be games in the afternoon, after which tea will be served, followed by a musical programme.

Three Brigades of Cadets were kept busy during the festive season Christmas carolling. This was a very pleasant duty for them, for they were well received by the residents, and their vocal efforts much appreciated.

Ensign Aldridge (Canada East) is at present furloughing with her parents at Winnipeg.

Major Sims (Men's Social Secretary), who also has the oversight of the military work throughout the Territory, reports that the Vancouver Hostel for the

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Campaigning in the West

COMMISSIONER SOWTON and the Chief Secretary Pay Week-end Visits to Victoria and Yorkton—Nanaimo Also Visited

INSPIRING OFFICERS' COUNCILS HELD AT CALGARY

COMMISSIONER SOWTON, Colonel Turner and Brigadier McLean visited Victoria for the week-end, Dec. 7-8. On Saturday the Commissioner and the Colonel inspected the Men's Social Institution, which has been opened in this city, Captain and Mrs. T. Sutherland Stewart being in charge.

A hearty welcome was given to the visitors at night, the comrades attending in good numbers. The Brigadier, in his usual happy manner, introduced the visitors, who, in turn, expressed their joy at being among the comrades of Victoria.

Hearty Welcome

On Sunday morning the Commissioner spoke on "They that wait upon the Lord." It was a very inspiring and helpful meeting.

In the afternoon the Commissioner spoke to the Young People and after the Senior Open-air, conducted a praise meeting. After some testimonies had been given, the Commissioner spoke on the wonderful care God has over us.

At night, rain prevented the Open-air meeting, but not to be daunted, the Soldiers led by the United Band, had a meeting through the principal streets. The Citadel was crowded, a large number of military boys coming along. The Commissioner took for his subject, the "Prodigal Son," and gave a stirring, address, particularly dwelling on the truth that God's grace is sufficient for all.

Two brothers in khaki knelt and found the Saviour, as did also two sisters. The Band and Songsters did good service.—T.S.S.

Two-Day Campaign

Calgary has just received a visit from Commissioner Sowton and Colonel Turner, who were accompanied by Mrs. Brigadier Potter of the Woman's Social Work, and Major Sims representing the Men's Social and Military operations.

Brigadier Hay, the Divisional Officer for Alberta, welcomed the visitors. On Friday, Dec. 5th, Colonel Turner conducted the Opening service of the two-days' campaign, and a real enthusiastic meeting resulted. Major Sims spoke of the wonderful success of the Men's Social Hostels recently opened in Winnipeg and Vancouver, and of the desire of the Salvation Army to open a chain of these from one end of the Territory to the other.

Colonel Turner gave a stirring address that was listened to with rapt attention. One man raised his hand for prayer, and got saved in a subsequent meeting.

The Councils which were conducted by the Commissioner, were seasons of great blessing and inspiration.

Widely separated as most of the Officers are in this Western field, a Council is eagerly looked forward to and appreciated to the full by the Officers privileged to take part.

A Helpful Council

At night the Local Officers of the Calgary Corps were invited to share in the feast of good things and a crowd of about 90 met in the basement Hall at the Citadel, where a splendid Council was held. At this meeting Chevalier Cosens, of the Salvation Army Band, who is now in khaki at Camp Borden and the Base Hospital, Toronto. During the time he was stationed there 600 men came forward and claimed pardon.

After the Chief Secretary had spoken the Commissioner spoke on "Responsibility."

The richness of "song blessing," the fine spiritual tenor of feeling; all the sweetness of spiritual intercourse so impossible to describe, these were the predominating features of the Councils.

Monotony of description of mere detail of various Councils may be possible, but the Officers privileged to be present at Councils led by Commissioner Sowton, leave with more than outline, viz., the spirit that created and now upholds the Salvation Army and will actuate the greater Salvation Army of the future.

Visit to Nanaimo

On Friday, Dec. 6th, Captain Hancock met the Commissioner and party as they got off the boat from Vancouver. A rousing Open-air meeting was held at night, the Nanaimo Band rendering good service. Colonel Turner gave a good talk to the people round the Open-air. As we were leaving the stand the Life-Saving Scouts fell in behind the Band with drums and bugles and we marched back to the Hall 35 strong.

Inside we had a good crowd. Colonel Turner gave a good talk and also made reference to the new Hall. Brigadier McLean welcomed the Commissioner, as did Captain Hancock. The Commissioner gave a powerful address and all were delighted. The Colonel led the prayer meeting, and the Commissioner went fishing and brought in one soul to the Mercy Seat and another followed.

Week-End at Yorkton

Yorkton Officers and comrades were delighted to welcome Commissioner Sowton, who was accompanied by Brigadier Coombs, for the week-end of Dec. 14th-15th. The fact that it was over a year since the Commissioner's previous visit, and also that it was our second Sunday of meetings after being closed for six Sundays on account of the epidemic, added to the interest.

On Saturday night the Commissioner conducted the Free-and-Easy, as well as taking part in the open-air meeting.

Spoke to Children

Sunday was a full day. In the morning the Commissioner spoke for a few minutes to the children. Their close attention revealed how deep an impression the truths which the Commissioner was pressing home, made upon them. A blessed Holiness meeting followed, in which God's Spirit drew near, and we believe others joined in the consecration which one comrade made publicly.

In the afternoon a good crowd gathered to hear "Some Lessons from the War," and listened with great interest to the Commissioner's lecture. Expressions of appreciation were heard at the close from many.

A splendid crowd listened to the Commissioner's stirring appeal at night. Brigadier Coombs assisted throughout the week-end, as well as Adjutant and Mrs. Sowton and Lieutenant

WINDSOR ROTARY CLUB

Takes Charge of the Red Shield Drive for Essex County—The Campaign Enthusiastically Launched

Great War Veterans March in Parade and Do Good Service by Taking up Collections in Public Places

THE Red Shield Drive for the county of Essex was launched with great enthusiasm at Windsor, with headquarters at the Huron and Erie Bank by the kind permission of the corporation through Mr. E. V. Smith, who is the Bank Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of the Red Shield Campaign.

The complete organization was arranged by the Windsor Rotary Club under the direction of the Chairman, Mr. Harry J. Neal, who was also appointed as Chairman of the Red Shield Drive for the county of Essex.

The Drive was energetically carried on during the whole week and many good subscriptions were received by canvassers. Numbers of persons also brought their donations to the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

The weather conditions during the last two days interfered somewhat with the canvassing and led to a postponement of the proposed Tag Day. After careful consideration it was decided at the Rotary Club Meeting on Monday, Dec. 16th, at which Dr. H. A. Knowles was present, to carry the Drive over into the New Year, ending with a Tag Day. The Campaign Committee pledged themselves not to abandon the Campaign until the objective of $75,000 has been secured.

Parade Round City

Dr. Knowles headed a parade around the city on Thursday night, in which the combined Windsor and Detroit Bands, comprising 75 players, took part. A number of Salvationists from the two cities followed, also several Life-Saving Scouts, some of whom carried a large Union Jack, which served the purpose of a collection plate. One hundred Great War Veterans also marched, and visited many public places securing a good sum for the Army's work.

Many of the boys of their own accord testified in these different public places. Dr. Knowles was given the privilege of speaking from the stage of several of the theatres making the appeal and announcing the Campaign, while the Veterans took up a collection, and the strains of music from the Salvation Army combined bands could be heard outside very clearly.

Before the Saturday night Open-air the weather cleared somewhat. At the close of the meeting an appeal was made for the War Work with good response. Captain Taylor and Captain McLean made the appeal and with the Citadel Band and a few of the Scouts carrying flags and banners advertising the Campaign, collected from the crowd with good results.

Prominent Workers

The following particulars regarding some of the gentlemen on the Committee will doubtless be of interest:

Mr. Harry J. Neal, President of the Neal Baking Company and also Chairman of the Windsor Rotary Club, is the Chairman for the Citizen's Campaign Committee.

Mr. E. V. Smith, Manager of the Huron and Erie Bank at Windsor, is the Secretary-Treasurer. This

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bank is the local Campaign Headquarters.

Mr. Thos. McConnell, Manager of the New York Life Insurance Co. and a strong member of the Windsor Rotary Club. He is head of the Committee of Factory Subscriptions.

Mr. Leo Charlton, Grand Master of the Knights of Columbus, is on the Executive and has organized a team of workers and worked individually with much energy among the Catholic friends of the Salvation Army.

Rev. Arthur Carlisle, Rector of All Saints' Church, is a returned Chaplain and is on the Executive Committee.

Mr. A. H. Lawrence, Sales Manager of the Ford Motor Company, has looked after the publicity side of the Campaign both locally and throughout the county.

FOURTEEN SEEKERS

Knoel at Mercy Seat at Belleville

We had good meetings at Belleville on Sunday, Dec. 15th. There were good attendances at all the meetings.

At night fourteen souls came to the Mercy Seat. It was a glorious finish to a good day's fighting. Adjutant Goodhew spoke at night on "The Other Side."

In the afternoon meeting Brother Hart, Sr., gave a talk on Corps Cadetship. Our comrade has been the Guardian of the Brigade here for quite a long time. We are hoping that at least two new Corps Cadets will be secured.

Lieutenant Topley took part in the night meeting. This was the first opportunity many of the friends had of meeting the Lieutenant.

The Band rendered good assistance.

DEDICATED GRANDSON

Touching Farewell Service of Commandant Walter at Sarnia

Commandant Walter conducted the meeting at Sarnia on Thursday, Dec. 19th, and the Sarnia "Observer" says: "In the early part of the service the Commandant dedicated to God her little grandson, Frederick Hamilton Walter, and this was very touching indeed, and would ever be a beautiful thought in her memory that at her last public meeting in Canada on her way to her work in India, she had had this privilege. The Commandant took as her text the first two and the last two verses of the 92nd Psalm, referring to her own calling, and how that in spite of what others thought about it, she felt that it was God calling, and she must walk in that way."

FOUR SOULS AT NORTH BAY

Visits Regularly Paid to Gaol and Hospital

Our Corps is steadily growing. On Sunday, Dec. 8th, we had grand meetings all day. Captain Blaney took for his text at night, Exodus 3:10. "And Pharaoh said 'Tomorrow.'" His address was very impressive and to the point, and at the close four souls sought forgiveness; three of the four were backsliders and are standing true.

The Captain has great faith in advertising the meetings and also makes regular visits to the gaol and hospital. We have a grand opportunity in these meetings.—Howard.

Opening of Vancouver Hostel

Colonel Duff-Stuart Turns the Key and Expresses Good Wishes for Success of Army's Work—Senior Chaplain Extends Greetings

COMMISSIONER SOWTON PRESIDES

THE Hostel and Rest Room for Naval and Military Men in Vancouver was opened on Saturday, Nov. 21st, by Colonel Duff-Stuart, who performed the ceremony in the absence of Major-General Lockie, who was unavoidably prevented from coming. At the hour appointed, some hundreds of people assembled outside the building, and as Commissioner Sowton and the Military Officers made their way to the special platform erected outside, they received a rousing welcome. The Commissioner piloted the meeting throughout, introducing the different speakers. After the Congregational Hymn and Prayer by Brigadier McLean, the Commissioner gave a brief address on the Salvation Army War Activities, and also explained the purpose of the building about to be dedicated.

Captain Graves was called upon to speak on behalf of the men at the Convalescent Hospital and he paid a splendid tribute to the work of the Salvation Army among the men who are convalescing, and extended a cordial invitation to the Salvation Army to work among his men.

After a solo by Commandant Habkirk, the Commissioner called on Sergeant-Major "Jimmy" Robinson, D.C.M. The Sergeant-Major is a veteran of many years, having seen service in India, South Africa and also in the Great War. He was in a reminiscent mood and told of the service the Salvation Army Officers rendered during the Boer War, also of the splendid work he has witnessed them doing in France, Belgium, etc. During his address he reminded the crowd that years ago, when up against it and stranded, he sought the advice and counsel of the Men's Social Department, which gave him a helping hand and put him on his feet. He wished all to know that he was not ashamed of the bridge that had carried him over.

The Commissioner introduced Adjutant Clarke as the Officer taking charge of the Salvation Army Military work in Vancouver, which brought forth from the people a most enthusiastic welcome.

Soldiers Want Religion

The next speaker was Major Owen, Senior Chaplain, who extended hearty greetings to the Salvation Army in their effort to help the returned soldier. He spoke very feelingly and emphasized the fact that the soldiers need and want religion. He was thankful that the Salvation Army would bring that comfort and consolation to them. He told a touching incident of a mother, whose son was home on furlough from the trenches, and in honour of the occasion, she provided a party of young folks who spent the evening in dancing and games. Noticing that the lad was disappointed about something, she asked "Had he enjoyed himself and appreciated her effort on his behalf?" He responded, "Yes, mother, I thank you, but there was no God in it and it is God that we need." The Major was thankful that the Salvation Army would put God first in all their dealings with the boys.

Alderman Hoskins, who is a warm friend of the Army, also had a few words and made it clear to everyone present that anything he could do to help the Hostel would be gladly done.

The last speaker to be presented to the congregation by the Commissioner, was Colonel Duff-Stuart, who gave a splendid address. The Colonel has been a warm friend of the Salvation Army for many years, and is always glad to bear testimony to its work. He is well acquainted with our operations on the battle-field and also our work throughout Canada. He wished us every blessing. After Brigadier Mrs. Potter dedicated to God by prayer the building, the Commissioner presented the key to the Colonel, who turned the same and declared the building open, after which the visitors inspected the interior and congratulated the Commissioner on the home-like appearance, the splendid upholstered furniture and comfortable rooms. In every way the comfort of the returned men has been studied.

Major Sims, who has the oversight of Military Work in Canada West, and Adjutant Russell Clarke, the Manager of the Vancouver Hostel.

Words of Praise

During the afternoon crowds thronged the building and on every side words of praise were heard.

The Hostel is a four-storey building, very centrally located and has been thoroughly renovated inside and out, refitted with entirely new furniture, including phonograph, piano, etc. Already quite a number of men have expressed a desire to be accommodated and we bespeak a glorious future.

THANKFUL SPIRIT

Prevails Among Comrades of Winnipeg VIII.

On Sunday, Dec. 1st, our Corps was opened again after six weeks of being closed, owing to the epidemic. We had a Thanksgiving Service, a Farewell, and a Memorial Service in the evening. The Thanksgiving was the first and the Soldiers rendered two pieces "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad," and "Come let us rejoice for the Victory Prayer has won."

Our Officer, Captain Bellamy, farewelled after twelve months' successful stay, God has indeed been her helper. Then we had a Memorial Service for Sister Mrs. Chabel, and reference was made to the drummer's brother who passed away after only five days' illness.—E.K.

PROVINCIAL OFFICERS

Lead Sunday's Meetings at Harbour Grace, Nfld.—Time of Blessing and Two Seekers—New Quarters Built

On Sunday, Dec. 8th, we had with us our Provincial Commander, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Adby. It was their first visit to this Corps. The meetings were well attended all day and at night the Hall was filled to its utmost capacity. A beautiful spirit prevailed in each meeting, and conviction was stamped upon the faces of many. Two surrendered themselves to God, while others raised their hands signifying their desire to serve God and their need of prayers.

Colonel and Mrs. Adby's talks were of great interest to all present, and the Colonel's singing had a marked effect upon all who listened to the same.

Our Commanding Officers are Ensign and Mrs. Carter. Too much praise cannot be given them for their continual labours for the advancement of this Corps. During their short stay the Ensign has built a beautiful Quarters at the rear of the Hall, which is indeed a great credit, as Harbour Grace has been deprived of an Officers' Quarters for many years. We pray that God will continue to richly bless them.—Mrs. F. G. Hackett.

BOUGHT CHRISTMAS "CRY"

Then Came to Army Hall and Got Saved—Brought Husband Next Night

We are having some real blessed times in our meetings at East Toronto. Recently one woman bought a Christmas "War Cry" from one of our Cadets, and she decided to come to the meeting on Saturday. She knelt at the penitent form. On Sunday she brought her husband with her, and praise God he got saved also.

We have welcomed Brother Walker from the Temple Corps. He has returned from overseas and gives God all the glory for His wonderful grace that has enabled him to keep an up-to-date experience amid the trials and temptations. God has made him a great blessing and he is a great help in our Corps. Our Officers are working hard and the work here is progressing under their leadership.—F. H. Turner, Corps Correspondent.

WHEN VISITING

The Captain Led a Wanderer Back to God

While Captain Sinclair of Fort Francis, was visiting in International Falls, he called on an old lady, and during the course of their talk found that she had once been a Salvationist. After reading a portion of Scripture, he urged her to make an immediate and unreserved surrender of herself to God. She did so, and then both praised God in Prayer.—Publication Sergeant, Mrs. C. B.M.

TEN SOULS AT HORWOOD

Since the arrival of Captain J. Pike and Cadet Wells at Horwood (Nfld.), God has been wonderfully blessing us. On Sunday, Nov. 10th, God's power was greatly felt. The Officers and Soldiers worked hard all day, closing up at 3 a.m. Monday with ten souls in the fountain.

On Dec. 1st four more comrades took their stand for Soldiership under the dear old Flag.

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recently opened, is well patronized and the sleeping accommodation is full up.

Although over two-thirds of the Cadets have been down with the "flu" and a number of them have been continually busy nursing the epidemic patients, they have sold 3,000 Christmas "War Crys." The three men Cadets did remarkably well, having sold no fewer than 1,500 copies.

As we go to press, the "Familiar Pot" is to be seen at five of the busiest centres of the city, and the public, notwithstanding the many calls upon them of late, are responding to this appeal for Christmas Cheer and Winter Relief most generously.

Ex-Mayor Waugh, president of the Returned Soldiers' Association, in referring to the Salvation Army's Work with the troops, recently stated: "It was really very remarkable. Every soldier has a good word for the Army. In fact, I have never heard one speak disparagingly of it."

CANADA EAST

Commissioner and Mrs. Richards, on Friday, January 3rd, will lead the first of the series of Central Holiness Meetings, to be held in the Toronto Temple.

The Commissioner will visit Chatham (Ont.) on Sunday, January 5th, and Dundas on the following Sunday.

Mrs. Brigadier Green has commenced her duties as Primary Work Instructor in the City of Toronto. The first Corps to receive a visit from her in her new capacity was Riverdale.

Our sympathy is extended to Captain Lloyd (Orillia), whose brother, the Rev. Pierrie Lloyd, recently passed away at Dresden, Ontario.

Ensign Hodgson (Territorial Life-Saving Guard Organizer) will shortly visit all the Corps in the East Ontario Division where a Life-Saving Guard Troop is organized. She will start at Oshawa on January 17th.

EDMONTON BANDSMEN

Helped to Fight "Flu" Epidemic—Comrade Welcomed Home from Overseas

During the recent epidemic, three members of the Edmonton I. Band, in the persons of the Band Sergeant, Commandant Cummins; the Deputy Bandmaster, Brother Cottle; and Adjutant and Mrs. Johnstone's son, George, have taken a prominent part[illegible] fight against the "flu."

The Commandant served on one of the district relief committees; George Johnstone carried food, etc., to different families in the Adjutant's car, and the Deputy drove an emergency ambulance for one of the undertaking firms in the city. So far not a single member of the Band has contracted the disease.

The Deputy is also suffering at the time of writing from several broken ribs, the result of an accident, and is unable to play his instrument, solo cornet.

We have recently welcomed home again Bandsman Kidda, who for the last three years has been overseas in England, playing in a military band. He has kept the Blood and Fire Banner flying while away, and has returned with a glowing testimony to the goodness and saving grace of God in his own heart, and is now playing in the Band once more.

MEMORIAL AT MELFORT

On Sunday, Dec. 8th, we had two dedication services at Melfort, conducted by Ensign Poulter.

The death angel has visited our Corps for the first time and taken from our midst Sister Mrs. Lee. She leaves five little children, the youngest being dedicated in the memorial service we held on Sunday night for our departed comrade.

The memorial service was very impressive; the Hall was packed, over one hundred being present.

After the War Problems

Some Valuable Suggestions from Readers as to Welcoming the Returning Men from Overseas—Be Sure and Speak First—A Welfare League

THERE are gratifying indications that the return of the men from overseas, and their proper welcome generally, as well as the resettlement in their Corps of those who are Salvationists, is receiving careful consideration. Too much cannot be done for them on these lines.

Commandant James Mercer, in a short, but very helpful note, touches a very important aspect of the matter:—

"With all kinds of returned soldiers, religious or otherwise," he writes, "a glad greeting of kindness will not fail to make the returned man feel right. Salvationists, especially the men, should make the first move. The soldier has been drilled to keep to himself in rank, so that it has almost become a habit with him to wait till he is spoken to.

"Mrs. Mercer was having a Sale of Work on the market, when she noticed a soldier with his wife, who she thought had just returned, standing a short distance off. She which I have suggested, and while at times it might take Salvationist service men, like the writer, away from their home Corps, the general benefit that would accrue to service men and to the Army work at large would, I think, far outweigh any little inconveniences that it might bring to some particular Corps. I could not suggest a better motto for the League than 'Stand Fast,' but it is possible that other readers may improve upon this and other crude suggestions that I have made."

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Again we say, let anyone who has any hints to give as what can be done on the lines suggested, send particulars to "The War Cry" so that they may be passed on.

MUSICAL COMRADE

Plays on Fifteen Instruments at Amherst—Interest in Open-airs

During the last three weeks, since the ban was lifted, much interest has been displayed in our open-air work at Amherst. New converts are taking their stand. Bandmaster Sheppard and Bandsman Atkins and son (Moncton) were with us last week-end. Their singing and speaking added much inspiration to the meetings. The Bandsmaster gave us a musical meeting on Saturday night, on his fifteen instruments, and it was much enjoyed by the good crowd present.

A number of our comrades are still on the sick list, but we are praying that they will soon be restored to health again. Adjutant and Mrs. White, during the epidemic, have been untiring in their efforts to assist the sick and dying.

FIVE AT MERCY SEAT

Also a Soldier is Enrolled at Moncton Corps

On Sunday, Dec. 8th, we had good crowds. God met with us and we were greatly blessed. In the afternoon we enrolled one Soldier and also welcomed Bandmaster Sheppard to our Corps, he having received his transfer from St. John I. In the evening, Mrs. Adjutant Ellsworth spoke on the "Shadows of David." The Holy Spirit was in our midst and during the prayer meeting three backsliders and two young girls knelt at the foot of the Cross seeking pardon.

Manager Hayes recently donated a piano to the Corps.—E.T.

Songster Company, as well as a Fighting Brigade, which should exist in every league. These separate Units would require their own leaders, and work for God and the Army would thus be found for a considerable number.

"Being unattached to any Corps, the League Band, Songsters or Fighting Brigade could visit various Corps say on alternate Sundays and render valuable aid, particularly to some of the smaller Corps. The Sundays the League members were not out at other Corps, they would, of course, be able to attend their own home Corps, as each member of the League would individually belong to some Corps. In some places the League and its various units could undertake special pioneering work and hold Open-airs and special meetings in districts seldom reached by the ordinary Corps efforts. Many other activities will suggest themselves to 'War Cry' readers in connection with such a league as that which I have suggested, and while at times it might take Salvationist service men, like the writer, away from their home Corps, the general benefit that would accrue to service men and to the Army work at large would, I think, far outweigh any little inconveniences that it might bring to some particular Corps. I could not suggest a better motto for the League than 'Stand Fast,' but it is possible that other readers may improve upon this and other crude suggestions that I have made."

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Adjutant Harvey Kendall is also amongst those from whom we have received contributions on this important matter.

Again we say, let anyone who has any hints to give as what can be done on the lines suggested, send particulars to "The War Cry" so that they may be passed on.

SALE OF WORK

Opened at Chester (Toronto) by Mrs. Commissioner Richards—Good Sum Raised Towards Building Fund

A Home League Sale of Work was opened at Chester (Toronto) on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 17th, by Mrs. Commissioner Richards. The Commissioner accompanied her and gave a delightfully informal little talk. Among the Officers present were Mrs. Commissioner Mapp, Mrs. Colonel McMillan, and Mrs. Brigadiers Morris and Sandall. It was much to be regretted that Mrs. Lieut.-Colonel Bell, who has taken such a deep interest in the League at this Corps, was unable to be present owing to sickness.

At night the Corps Band and Songsters gave a pleasing programme of music and song. The six stalls were well patronized and the splendid sum of $260 was taken. The Life-Saving Guards' stall did best, with a total of $90 to its credit. This will be a good help towards the building fund.

TORONTO DIVISION NOTES.

Divisional Commander at No. I.—Corps Officers Investigate Needy Cases—Christmas "Crys" Go Well

Toronto I. was visited by Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Otway last week-end. The old Corps shows signs of great life. The first to testify was a lad just returned from overseas, who spoke of his new-found joy. At night three souls sought Salvation. Captain and Mrs. Courtois are in charge.

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Brampton has suffered the loss of a dear friend, Mr. Heatley, the husband of our respected Treasurer. Mr. Heatley was not a Soldier, but he was a warm friend, ever ready to give money, labour or influence in the good cause.

The funeral was conducted by Brigadier Moore and Staff-Captain Knight. Prayers are asked for Treasurer Heatley, who is herself also laid aside.

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Toronto Officers have been busy investigating needy cases and arranging for the distribution of Christmas baskets, thus bringing joy and happiness to the homes of those who otherwise would have a very sad and gloomy Christmas. The various Halls have been the distributing centres of the baskets.

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The Christmas "War Cry" has been a huge success, and almost every Corps has made notable advances, the rise for the Division being from 17,175 for 1917 to 25,195 for 1918.

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Many parcels have been sent overseas, while the Hospitals and other Institutions have received attention. The League of Mercy, under Mrs. Brigadier Moore, has largely helped in this distribution.

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The meetings at Lisgar St. on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, were led by Staff-Captain and Mrs. Knight. Splendid meetings all day—three souls.

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Vernon—Ensign and Mrs. Dunlop and the members of the Vernon Home League have sent fourteen boxes to the boys overseas. Each box contained a pair of socks and a Christmas cake. Although we are few in numbers, we are doing our little bit for the Master.—Mrs. Campbell, Secretary.

THE PRAYING LEAGUE

OUR GIRLS AND AFTER THE WAR

(By Mrs. Blanche Read-Johnston)

I would like to use my space this week for a little message out of an article of mine published in the recent special number of the "Woman's Century," directed to the mothers and guardians of young girls.

Perhaps no sentence is more often on our lips or so continuously in our hearts as the now familiar phrase, "When the boys come home." It is the goal of many desires and ambitions, the expectation and dear hope of myriads of hearts. It is the subject in Parliaments, Legislatures, Civic Councils, Church, Courts, industrial conclaves, and the ever-interesting theme in thousands of homes. This condition is absolutely correct and natural. Too much cannot be done to give our brave men a proper, adequate start in their new life in the land they have suffered to maintain.

An Important Factor

But it occurs to me that in our ardent admiration for what our noble men have borne and accomplished for us; in our loving desires to best serve their interests, we may be overlooking, in some measure, a very important factor in this rebuilding of our new Canadian life?

What are we doing for our girls? Our dear girls who have had far more to bear of sacrifice than should have fallen on young hearts. How perfectly splendid they have been in giving up father, brother, sweetheart and friend for the cause of liberty. The grim night of war has shadowed many sweet young lives. Many young shoulders are bearing burdens ill-fitted to their slender strength. Burdens of responsibility, loneliness, separation, disappointed plans are taxing to the mature and strong. Are we doing all we can to teach our girls the lessons of this critical time?

One cannot in a brief paper adequately and comprehensively deal with this important subject. I can only outline a few suggestions in which there is room for much valuable service to Canada's magnificent young girlhood.

The Sanctity of Marriage

To illustrate what I mean. One night in the rush hour in Toronto I was on the street car from the west end to the east end of the city. The car filled up with girls from various factories—nice, alert girls many of them. But the whole atmosphere of that car oppressed me and made me sad. I could, of course, hear various snatches of the conversations going on around me. The subject of marriage seemed a huge joke. The conclusion I could not help reaching was, that some of them—perhaps most of them—would marry the first boy who asked them, especially if that boy wore khaki. Thousands of such girls live in a state of feverish unrest all day and among the abnormal excitements and false standards of the "movies" at night. These conditions are not very conducive to contentment in ordinary, everyday life. It is all a poor preparation for wifehood and motherhood. Something is being done in the large centres of the population to counteract such influences and to set up true ideals of citizenship and womanhood. More effort is needed.

(To be continued).

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO "THE WAR CRY"

It pleases those the Army is at work our paper, may be obtained at any Corps, Commanding Officer or Publication Department, Toronto, Ontario, Winnipeg, Man., Regina, Sask., Calgary, Alta., Vancouver, B.C., St. John, N.B., Halifax, N.S., St. John's, Nfld., Bermuda, Newfoundland, Salvation Army, Toronto, Ontario.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Private Jesney — Brother Reynolds — Brother Burrows

Private Jesney, Edmonton II.
(Killed in Action)

Our departed comrade, who was killed in France, was Flag Sergeant of Edmonton II. Corps. He could always be depended upon, and his presence was ever an inspiration to the comrades.

His earnest and untiring efforts on the streets of Edmonton in open-air work resulted in his being placed in jail, but even this did not dampen his fiery zeal, for he and his Salvationist-comrades sang the praises of God during the night and went into court the following day with a testimony upon their lips.

We regret his loss to the Corps, yet rejoice that he fought the good fight, that he accepted the opportunities given to him by God, and has now gone to receive the reward reserved for those who die in the Lord.—Correspondent.

Brother Reynolds, Calgary II.

The "flu" epidemic has been taking a heavy toll in Calgary district, and amongst the many victims was one of our comrades, Brother Earl Reynolds. We had very high hopes for him, and just prior to his illness, Earl made a fresh start and was giving every promise of being a good help in the Corps. But God willed it otherwise and called him home at the early age of seventeen. He was loved by all who knew him for his splendid disposition, and will be missed.

Both his father and mother, who are devoted servants of Jesus, are fully resigned to God's will, and are consoled by the knowledge that Earl is with Jesus, for he left testimony that all was well. A memorial service was conducted by Captain and Mrs. McBain, and the Hall was packed.—C.M.

Brother Burrows, North Battleford

The ranks of the North Battleford Corps have been broken by the passing away of Brother John H. Burrows, a Soldier of some years' standing.

Our late comrade had been working as an attendant in the Alberta Provincial Hospital, at Ponoka. He contracted influenza, and later pneumonia, which resulted in his death. The remains were conveyed to his home in North Battleford, where the funeral service was conducted by Captain Mastin.

Brother Burrows was twenty-seven years of age, and has served God for quite a number of years as a Salvationist. In the Old Land he held Local positions in his home Corps, and since coming to Canada has still continued to prove himself a good Soldier of Jesus Christ. He enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in April, 1916, and received his discharge in September, 1918, after giving two years and five months in the service of his country.

Although separated from all his dear ones when called away, they find consolation in the assurance that his Saviour was with him as he passed through the valley of the shadow. We pray that those who remain behind to mourn their loss will realize the presence of God in their sorrow, to sustain and comfort them.—K. E. M.

Mrs. Lush, John and William Hornett, and Rosie Hillier, Campbellton, Nfld.

Death has visited this Corps and taken from our midst two of our comrade-adherents, Mrs. James Lush and Brother John Hornett, also a younger sister of Mrs. Lush, little Rosie Hillier, age nine years. These comrades were converted during their illness. Though their lamps were lighted late, they gave evidence that all was well with their souls. They had no fear.

The funeral service was touching and such as is not often seen in small communities, with two open graves on the same afternoon. We buried the sister and proceeded to the home of the brother, thence back to the little cemetery.

We conducted a memorial service on the following Sunday for these late comrades, also for Private William Hornett, who was killed in action. Adjutant G. Graves took as his subject, "We all do fade as a leaf." The spirit of conviction took hold of the congregation, and three young men surrendered, one being the husband of the deceased.

Both the families are grief-stricken, and have our prayers. The mother of these boys had a sore trial in that news reached her of William's death the day before John passed away. May God comfort them all.—G.A.J.

Sister Mrs. Hall, Regina

Adjutant Muttart conducted the funeral service of Mrs. David Hall on a recent Thursday. She was the daughter of the Corps Cadet Guardian, Sister Ross, who is also very sick with the Spanish "flu." We ask the prayers of all our comrades at this trying time that the Great Comforter will be around and about her.

Sister Mrs. Wareham

Mrs. George Wareham was called to her eternal reward on Thursday, October 31st. She was converted many years ago, and has been a Soldier of the Army for about eleven years. She was Young People's Sergeant-Major with Brighton failing health. The funeral was conducted by Lieutenant Hutchings. On Sunday night we held a memorial service.

NEWS FROM ALLIES AND THE BORDER

United War Fund Campaign a Success—Immense Labour Involved—The Commander Dedicates Army Hut at Camp Dix

"The United War Fund Campaign has come and gone, and the seven organizations involved are rejoicing over the splendid total achieved, which reached the splendid sum to date of $170,000,000," writes Colonel Peart. "This is an amazing total, in view of two great hindrances which supervened—the influenza epidemic, which reduced the number of public gatherings in a very material way, and the coming of the peace news, which left the impression in the minds of many that the War-Relief organizations would not need the money now. In view of these things, it was a wonderful victory.

Millions of Workers

"The amount was not achieved, however, without immense labour. Bishop Muldoon announced that 2,000,000 Catholics had proffered their services in the interest of the fund. If this be the case, certainly no fewer than 8,000,000 or 10,000,000 workers were engaged in this campaign. The Salvation Army's part was not small, for every available Officer and Soldier was thrown into the effort, and the friendliness with which our people were greeted shows that the sum we contributed to the total must have been very great. We heartily congratulate our fellow labourers in this cause, and send forth loud cheers of enthusiasm in the triumph.

"The event of the week was the dedication by the Commander of the Salvation Army's biggest hut—that at Camp Dix, N.J. This was in some respects one of the most important meetings ever held in the history of the Salvation Army in America, for present, as guests, were Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, General March, the Chief of Staff of the United States Army; Major-General Hugh Scott, Commander of Camp Dix, and Brigadier-General Scott, of the General Staff, besides about one hundred and fifty officers of other ranks. Mr. Baker made a remarkable and splendid address, and the Commander most eloquently defined the purposes of the institution. About two thousand soldiers from the camp were present and many outside friends.

A Credit to Army

"The Camp Dix hut, which is a great credit to the Salvation Army, was erected, at the direction of the War Board, under the superintendence of Colonel McIntyre, whose experience in building matters qualified him for the big job. Major and Mrs. McGee, whose long service in charge of large Social institutions has fitted them for their exacting duties, have been appointed to the superintendence of the institution. Mrs. Major-General Reed, whose husband is a Divisional Commander in France, has offered her services to the Salvation Army, and will be mistress of the hut.

"Lieut.-Colonel Barker is now facing the great insistent problems of peace which have taken the place of the problems of war. The former are perhaps more subtle and difficult than the latter. But our Commander is determined that he shall have sufficient helpers to meet these problems, and that at the therefore certain that officers will be leaving Army headquarters for France for some months to come."

WHAT'S DOING ROUND THE WORLD

RETURNED SOLDIERS' PAY

THE Government of Canada has authorized the payment of a "war service gratuity," to be payable to the naval and land forces of Canada, in place of post-discharge pay. Under this enactment the amount to be paid is graduated up to six months' pay and allowances, exclusive of subsistence allowance or allowances in lieu of rations and quarters, according to the length and nature of service.

Wounded men receiving first-aid treatment in a trench. Captain Steele often took part in such scenes as this.

INTERNATIONAL AIR CONVENTION

LORD WEIR, British Minister of Air, speaking at Manchester, suggested that the big shipping and other transport organizations should actively interest themselves in the development of commercial aviation, and when peace was concluded the State should sell its superfluous airplanes suitable for conversion in commercial use, to private firms cheaply.

His Lordship said that the Air Board must reorganize. The first essential step of the new Ministry should be to organize international flying. This would involve an international air convention. The articles of this were already drafted and were being submitted to the allies. If they approved the convention, an international air convention should be held and he had reason to anticipate that within the next four or five months the principal nations would have reached an agreement on this momentous question.

TRANSITION OF INDUSTRY

IN the course of an address to trade representatives on the measures taken by the Ministry of Munitions to facilitate the transition of industry from a war to a peace basis, Winston Spencer Churchill, British Minister of Munitions, said:—

"The difficulties, which on the eve of the armistice appeared so very formidable, have been found to be less serious than we expected, and the inevitable evils and inconveniences of the transitional period have not been so severe up to the present as most feared. [illegible] you

RE-FORESTATION

IN all the Provinces of Canada there are large areas of non-agricultural lands which have been so completely denuded of forests by unwise methods of cutting, or by fire, or both, that they are in a wholly unproductive condition, due to the complete destruction of all young growth and seed trees. Only by planting can such lands be restored to productivity within any reasonable length of time and, thus, be made to play their proper part in the economic life of the country.

Nowhere in Canada has such an excellent start been made toward commercial forest planting as in the Province of Quebec, and even here the work done constitutes only a small beginning, in comparison with the real needs of the situation.

Action along these lines is imperative if large areas of lands suitable for no other purpose are to be restored to a productive condition. Experience in many countries proves that extensive re-forestation of waste lands is a desirable feature of public policy; it pays financially and is vitally important in supporting the economic structure of the country.

LUMBER FOR ITALY

BEFORE the war Italy imported approximately $35,000,000 worth of lumber annually, and this importation represented about 85 per cent. of her total lumber requirements. In these imports Austria-Hungary held first place, supplying in 1913, the last year of peace, approximately four-fifths of the total quantity.

At a most conservative estimate, it is stated that Italy will need to import at least double or three times the quantity imported in pre-war years. Italy's after-the-war industrial activities, building operations, and the reconstruction of the invaded provinces will necessitate, it is stated, this increased amount. It is anticipated that much Canadian lumber will be sent to Italy.

WHAT CONVINCED HIM

A COLONEL of an American regiment recently said, "What made a prohibitionist out of me was seeing National Army regiments that have been organized out of the drafts from the dry States—the States that have been dry for a long time, so that their present generation of draft age has grown up without even seeing saloons. The draft men from Kansas, for instance, are simply magnificent. If that's what prohibition can do for an army, I'm certainly for prohibition all the way through."

FARMERS' ACCOUNT BOOK

THE Farmers' Account Book, in which contains blanks for a simple but comprehensive system of farm accounts, will be sent on request by the Commission of Conservation at Ottawa, to any farmer who states the number of acres of land he works.

he made. Bans of this sort will be of no use unless with the authority of the Leagues of Nations they can be sustained against the lawless. The reason that doctors take so strong a view is that not only are the immediate effects so peculiarly painful, but they leave conditions which are peculiarly trying.

WOOD FOR NEWSPRINT

THE most serious obstacle to the proper handling of the mixed forests of eastern Canada has been the lack of utilization of the hardwood species, particularly birch. Formerly, only spruce was accepted for use as ground-wood in the manufacture of newsprint; later, balsam was accepted in an increasing proportion, and now both species are used practically without discrimination. It has always been considered impracticable to use birch or other hardwoods acceptably for ground-wood. The Forestry Department of the Laurentide Co. has, however, for a long time urged that experiments be made with a view to the utilization of birch in the manufacture of newsprint, and an experiment recently made by the company gives excellent promise of satisfactory developments along this line.

FOOD VALUE OF BUTTER

IN an article on the "Comparative Food Value of Dairy Products," Professor Frandson points out that one pound of butter supplies as much energy (working power) as 3 loaves of wheat bread, 3½ dozen eggs; 16 potatoes, 4 lbs. sirloin, and 8 quarts of oysters. In addition to its high energy value it abounds in a vital principle (vitamines) without which growth cannot take place nor life be long maintained. This principle exists in some other foods, especially whole milk, but not to the same richness as in butter-fat.

WANT GAS BARRED

IT is reported that medical men are urging that an international ban on the use of gas in warfare shall

IT PAYS TO WORK

WOULD you work industriously if you didn't have to? Would you work as earnestly and diligently as you do now? (writes E. Wilson in the Pittsburg "Gazetter-Times.")

Maybe not. Indeed the chances are that you would knock off as soon as you learned that you didn't have to work any more if you didn't want to.

And of what use would you then be to the world, to society, to yourself?

Time would soon begin to hang heavily, and you would turn hither and thither in search of rest and entertainment.

Just here is where Satan would get his work in. He knows his business, and he attends to it. He wouldn't allow you to want and wait very long, but would take you into some high place and show you just lots of nice things, any or all of which you could have.

And with that suavity of manner, and clever palaver for which he is so famous, he would quiet your conscience, and lead you to think that you had been wrong in your notions as to what was right and proper for you to do.

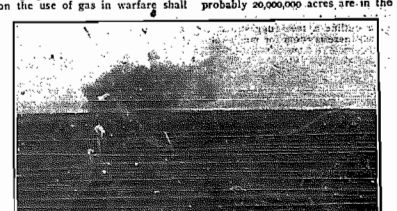
Busy men and women—busy about matters and things necessary to the comfort and welfare of themselves, their families, and their neighbours—rarely go wrong. And it is among these that you find the happiest, most contented, most useful people.

FARMS LESS FERTILE

CANADA has about 28,000,000 acres in field crops of which probably 20,000,000 acres are in the three Western Provinces. Is the fertility of the soil being kept up, is it being exhausted, is it being increased? To get an answer, the Commission of Conservation carried out a survey of 2,245 farms.

Thirty per cent. of them reported about the same yield per acre as 20 years ago, 40 per cent. reported cent. reported some decrease. That some increase in yield, and 30 per is to say, the land, as used by 30 per cent. of all the men reporting, was poorer in its power to produce crops, than it was 20 years before.

Over large areas of Canada, our methods of farming are exhausting the fertility of our farms, to some extent.



A Chaplain at work in a first-line hospital, helping the Red Cross Workers to dress wounds and speaking words of comfort to the men.

POINTED QUESTIONS

Are you making good use of your time?

Do you test each day by the question: "What has it done for me, or for others through me?"

Will you not resolve to crowd the coming year with golden

(See "The Murder of Time"—Page 2)

HALLELUJAH ROCKY
THE : TWICE : BORN : MAN

By S. A. KIRKSPEN

HIS STIRRING LIFE STORY IN THREE PARTS:
I.-Dark Days Without Christ
II.-Dawning of the Great Light
III.-Exploits in Salvation Service

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS CHAPTER

The father of Jim Smith was a terrible drunkard, and his home was a wretched one in consequence. Our story opens with a description of his home-coming one day when, in a fit of drunken anger, he knocked his wife insensible and kicked Jim down-stairs. Next day he felt remorse for what he had done, and promised his wife he would never touch the drink again. He was induced to sign the pledge by a visiting preacher.

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CHAPTER III.

MAKING A NEW START

ABOUT two o'clock on the same afternoon in which he had signed the pledge, Smith went out again to see if he could earn another shilling or two that day. He had given all the money he had, short eighteen-pence, to his wife, and she planned on having a fine feast that night by way of celebrating his signing of the pledge.

Jim will never forget that night; it was as joyous as the previous one had been sad. Just before the hour of his father's return he was sent off to the fried fish shop round the corner for six pennorth of fish and chips and some pease pudding. These, with a pot of tea and some buttered toast, made the very nicest meal that Jim had sat down to for a long, long time.

"I'm So Glad!"

"Mother, I'm so glad father's going to be a better man," he said.

"You cannot be gladder than I am, Jim," replied his mother.

When Smith got home that night he was sober and good humoured. He expressed his delight at the nice tea ready for him in a way that brought a flush of pleasure to his wife's pale cheeks. Oh how different things were when the drink was banished from the home.

The family sat down to that meal laughing and chatting and all was going as merry as a marriage bell when a sharp knock came at the door.

In response to Smith's invitation to "come in," a little hard-faced man entered the room. He was the landlord of all the houses in the Court.

"Good evening Mr. Long," said Smith. "I suppose you're called for the rent?"

"For the fifth time," answered the landlord.

Unable to Pay

"Well, I'm sorry not to be able to pay you to-night," began Smith, "but the fact is——"

The landlord made an impatient gesture. "Same old yarn every time," he said. "Well if you won't pay out you go. I can get other tenants who will pay regularly and I can't afford to give free lodgings to the likes of you. I'm not running any charity organization."

Smith was a very quick tempered man and had been drinking the landlord would have quickly been kicked out of the room, irrespective of any consequences that might ensue. But he mastered his temper this time and a restraining touch from his wife helped him to reply calmly.

"Well you must give us time to look around for another house," he said, "you can't put us out on the street bag and baggage."

"You must get out by to-morrow," said the landlord. "I want these rooms for a respectable family."

Again Smith had difficulty in restraining himself.

"I tell you I won't go till I're found a suitable place to go to."

"Oh, you won't, eh?"

"No, I won't."

"Alright, we'll see about that," snarled the landlord as he withdrew from the room.

"See about it then," Smith yelled after him.

"Whatever are we going to do now, Henry?" said Mrs. Smith, as the sound of the landlord's footsteps died away.

"It's a good chance for us to get out of paying the five week's rent we owe and find some better place to live in," replied her husband.

"But where can we find other rooms?" asked his wife anxiously, "there's nobody in town that I know of who would rent to us. You know what a terrible time we had in getting these rooms."

"They don't seem to trust me very much do they, lass?" laughed her husband. "Well I suppose I haven't given 'em much cause to. But never mind I'll climb back up the ladder yet and you shall live in a nice house of your own by and bye."

"Do you think old Long will carry out his threat and turn us out to-morrow?" asked Mrs. Smith.

"No, that's all a bluff. I know a thing or two as well as him and I know he's a wretched old miser, too, and wouldn't go to the expense of getting us evicted by law. So we'll stay right here till we've found another place to go to, and it'll be a respectable place for a respectable family too, if I know anything about it."

So they let the matter trouble them no more and true enough, the landlord made no attempt to have them put out.

But Smith was resolved to live in a more select locality, and he and his wife hunted high and low for a suitable house. For a long time no one would listen to any proposal from them as to the renting of any sort of place at all—they were too well known. But at length, largely through the good offices of "Putty" Andrews, a landlord consented to rent them three rooms in a house situated in Church Lane, which was a really respectable middle class locality.

The task of moving was not a very arduous one, a handcart sufficing for the whole of their furniture, such as it was. And so they said good-bye to the miserable court where they had spent so many unhappy days and started life afresh amid new surroundings.

"Mary," said Smith, on the day they occupied their new abode, "I think we have left the old unhappy life far behind and that this marks the beginning of a brighter day in our lives."

"It shall, Henry, as far as I can make it so," replied his trusting wife. And they sat up late that night discussing plans for the future, and perhaps building castles in the air like any pair of young lovers.

Now in a few days' time a fair was to be held at Woodbridge, a small town about eight miles distant, and the idea occurred to Smith that he could make a lot of money there by the "cheap-jack" method. That is to say he would lay in a stock of small articles likely to take the public fancy and auction them off at the fair. Purses, albums, pocket-knives, watches, chains, clocks, ornaments and all manner of cheap imitation jewellry were the usual stock in trade of a "cheap-jack," but how to secure the initial outlay was the problem.

"A handcart sufficed for the whole of their furniture"

Raising Funds

In her desire to encourage her husband Mrs. Smith was prepared to go all lengths and so she resolved to pawn all the little trinkets still in her possession, articles she had clung to through thick and thin as reminders of the good days that had been. There was a gold watch which had been given to her by her father as a wedding present, a diamond engagement ring and a very fine brooch. On these things she hoped to raise sufficient to stock a barrow for her husband. And when he had made a handsome profit, she argued, and money was plentiful once more, she could then redeem the precious articles, so it was not as if she was going to lose them altogether.

This plan she carried out, but the pawn-broker was very close and she did not get so big a loan as she had hoped for. She was resourceful, however and not to be beaten. Among those who were her friends in the days of prosperity were many rich merchants' wives and though she had carefully avoided them ever since her husband's downfall, she now determined to swallow her pride and go and ask one of them for assistance. Now that her husband had started to be a better man he must be helped at all costs she thought; and this golden opportunity for a good start on the upward climb must not be let slip.

So she went to see Amanda Phillips, the butcher's wife, and that lady listened sympathetically to her story and generously loaned her the sum of one pound.

And thus a good "outfit" for Smith's trading operations was secured and a donkey and cart hired for the day.

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RED SHIELD "WAR CRY"
OUR NEXT ISSUE
Pictures and Illustrations of Salvation Army War Work

"THEY ARE ALWAYS READY"

"Ah say to Tom, "Wat for you wont goodder hopital? You got one hon Windsor already at Hotel Dieu."

Den Tom he say, "Dat's all rite, Jacques, wen Fadder Wagner build de Hotel Dieu Windsor have h'about four or five tousand people. Hotel Dieu has done good work but she's only got h'about 100 beds and ecty of dees sire must have more h'pital.

"All dese soldats who have been fighting hon France will tole you dat Salvation Army man and women have work night and day to geer dem comfort, food and close. Eef day have money all rite; eef not is all de same ting. E'everybody is same to dem, no matter wat hees religion or color. Wee you axe dem who pay for wat dey do dese petite filles wid long hat and red ribbon say only one ting all de tam: 'We work for de Master. It is our duty and privilege to help poor soldat who cee sock or wounded and who hee been fight to protec' our homes.'"

Ma foi, I nevaire tink on dat before. When Salvation Army firs' come hon Windsor Ah use to tink dey were crazy folks and must ha h'out fee de money, but now after twenty or thirty year dey do de same ting h'every day. Dey build fine barrack hon London rue and have beeg band wat play fine music. Any tam you want dem dey are always ready. I feel satisfy now de good work.

So Ah axe Tom ef he's goan to have same fellaire wat work on Victoria bond, and Tom say, "Oui, Jacques, all we can get." Ah tole hem if he have Monsieur Sam Lawrence, Tom Bay, Victoire Smith, Henry Noel and Clarence Smith wat run de beeg magasin den Ah goan to fo all Ah can.—"Jacques Picard" on the Salvation Army Red Shield Campaign in the "Border Cities Era."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mrs. Commissioner Richards gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following for the boys overseas: Owen Sound Home League, 10 pairs socks.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT

(Continued from Page 4)

patients by yourself are only an additional token of the kindly interest you have personally shown in our soldiers for a long period of time."

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"There are many things still to be said of the varied and splendid services of our visiting women, our Bandsmen, and others, but they are more than we can relate at the moment. We must, however, make some mention of the women's work. Trains bringing back soldiers' wives and children are frequently arriving. Some are called "brides' trains"—there being a number of English brides arriving. In many cases men who have been in Canada for years have gone back to the Old Land, and perhaps seen the coy maidens who blushed under their gaze in the old school days. They have met again and—well, they have fixed it up that she is to come to Canada, which is surely as it should be.

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Mrs. Colonel McMillan has been doing splendid service in seeing that the Army's part in the welcome to these women is well taken care of, and, as already announced, is a member of the committee recently formed in the Mayor's office to deal with this and kindred matters.

A Chaplain's Work at the Base Depot

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when I was in China, little thinking of what it would lead to. Now I can't do without it."

"I believe God can destroy the appetite for drugs just as he can take the desire for drink out of a man. Ask Him to do it now."

There was a season of fervent prayer and at length the man arose with a look of victory on his face and the light of determination in his eye.

"I believe God has done what you said He would, padre," he said. "I have tried often enough in my own strength to break the habit. Now I'm going to give God a chance."

The man kept saved all the time he was at the Base and when the Captain last heard of him he was still doing well and not only trusting in God but fighting for the extension of His Kingdom.

In addition to conducting services at the Flat the Chaplain had to conduct the official Church Parade on Sunday mornings. He also met the convalescent wounded who came down to the Base, and gave them a welcome and words of advice.

Whenever a draft was called for to go up the line he had to address them and pray with them. Sometimes, during severe fighting, three drafts would leave in one night, each consisting of 1,500 men or more.

It will be seen therefore that the Captain had his hands full while at the Base, and had splendid opportunities for blessing and helping Canada's soldiers.

He was glad, however, when the chance came to go up the line for he had always wanted to be with the men where they faced the greatest danger. We described some of his experiences at the front last week, but the following extract from a letter he wrote to the Commissioner will serve to throw additional light on the conditions in Belgium in 1917. He says, "Without exception this is the worst part of the line we have been on. The country over which we are fighting baffles description. Accustomed as I now am to the ravages of war, until I came and saw conditions here I did not believe it possible for men to fight and live in such awful circumstances. The ground is a morass with scarcely a foot between shell holes. These are now full of water and in many are the carcases of mules and horses.

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"There have been many exciting times in which we have trembled for the safety of the stalls because of the shells falling around."

When the Canadians moved to the Arras area the Captain went with them, and during the operations which culminated in the smashing of the Drocourt-Quean line he did similar work to that he had done at Passchendaele. Our photographic illustrations give the best idea of what work he would find to do during a battle. In one we see a Chaplain at work in a first line hospital, helping the Red Cross workers to dress wounds, and speaking words of hope and comfort to the men. Another view shows an actual scene in a trench where wounded men are receiving first aid treatment. The Captain frequently assisted in such work. The third photo shows wounded men being conveyed to the rear. The Captain would often accompany such parties as these and do what he could to help the men.

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Officers, Soldiers, and Friends are requested to assist us by looking regularly through the Missing Column, and if anyone by Major Sims is able to give information concerning any case, always stating name and number of same.

SIMONES, JOHN OLSEN. Norwegian. Age 38, medium height. Some time ago lived at Edson, Alberta.

WILSON, HAROLD. Age 21. Dark eyes and hair, medium height. Was supposed to be in Moose Jaw, Sask., in August of last year.

SCHMIDT, EDWARD. Age 69. Tall, gray hair and whiskers.

OGILVIE, CONNIE. Was Salvationist. Years ago was living with uncle at 24 Church Street, Toronto.

WALKER, WILLIAM. Fifteen years ago was living in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

BENJAMINSEN, KIRSTEN. Age 28. Danish. Was last known to be living at 164 Polson Avenue, Winnipeg. This woman left Denmark fourteen years ago.

PARSONS, CHARLES. Age 38. Height 5 ft. 8 in., light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. Some years ago was living at Kerr Robert, Sask.

BILDERBECK, CAREL EDWARD VAN. Left Holland some years ago and lived in Dunsville, Ont. Supposed now to be somewhere in Saskatchewan. Age 30. Has broad nose and scar on left cheek.

HARGREAVES, WATKIN. Age 34. Came from Leeds, England. Known to be in Shaunavon, Sask., some time ago. Very important that he writes at once to Major Sims, Salvation Army, Winnipeg.

HARWOOD, MAURICE JOSEPH. Last heard from in August, 1917, when cod fishing at Departure Bay, B.C. Is about fifty-five years of age.

COLE, ALBERT EDWARD. Age 37. Dark complexion, hair dark, turning gray. Height 5 ft. 7 in., blind in one eye. Was last known to be living in North Vancouver, and employed at teaming. Used to stay at "canneries" bunkhouse.

IVAR ERIKSEN (BONDERTVEIT). Norwegian. Age 36. Was known to be in Escondale, B.C., fifteen months ago. Saw fiber by trade.

MACLELLAND, GEORGE ALBERT. Left Scotland as a child. Is now forty years of age. Lawyer and barrister. Some years ago was living at Indian Head, Sask.

JOHAN, LUND SVENSON, alias JOHN SWANSON. Norwegian. Age 32; medium height. Last heard from at Esther Creek, Fairbanks, Alaska.

WALFRIDA, ANDERSON, nee Olsen Norel. Swede. Age 49, tall, stout, dark complexion. Last heard from at St. Albert, Alberta.

SIGUARD, GALSTER. Dane. Age 48. Farmer. Is blind in one eye. Was last at Granum, also at Sweet Valley, Alberta. Got heard from for four years.

HICKS, MRS. HERBERT. Age 39; height 5 ft. 4 in., weight 120 lbs., blue eyes. Her father is Peter Gillies Stewart, Edmonton, Alberta.

KARL EDWARD BJERKA. Norwegian. Age 25. Medium height. Was engaged in whaling in Juneau, Alaska.

MARKERS, HANSON SIGENDEN. Norwegian. Age 27. Tall, stout, fair complexion. In 1911 was living in Cranbrook, British Columbia.

MONTGOMERY, JOHN DOUGLAS. Returned from overseas and supposed to have gone to Victoria, British Columbia.

OLAF, RUDOLF OLSEN. Norwegian. Age 24. Medium build, dark blue eyes, dark hair. Last known address was: Lac Pelletier, Sask.

Replies to the following should be sent to LIEUT.-COLONEL HARGRAVE, Salvation Army, Albert Street, Toronto; marked "Inquiry" on the envelope.

JOHN ROSE (11796). Age 50, brown eyes, dark complexion, medium height, weight about 170 lbs., dark wavy hair, smooth face; actor by profession. Last heard of in London, England, about ten years ago. May have come to Canada or United States. "Dolly," his daughter, anxious for news.

MRS. MARY COLLINS (11773). Left England six years ago for Canada, and is living with a married sister named Mrs. Bratley, Son John is New South Wales, Australia, anxious for news.

CHARLES DILLON (11790). Age 50, brown eyes, fair complexion, medium height. Last heard of in July, 1917, was then in Berkendale, Ontario (Muskoka District).

WILLIAM ALFRED PEARSE (11785). Age 36. Height 5 ft. 4 in., light brown hair, light blue eyes, sallow complexion. Missing since February, 1918. Wife in England anxious for news.

JOSEPH DIXON (11786). Age 49, height 5 ft. 8 in., grey or white hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. Last wrote from Minto Mines, N. B. Father in England very anxious for news.

EVELYN ALSOP (11741). Age 19. Came to Canada in 1918. Last known to be in Niagara Falls. Mother in England very anxious for news.

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SONGS OF SALVATION

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Tunes: The ash grove, 200; Oh, turn ye, 199; Song-Book, 118.

Hark, sinner! while God
From on high doth entreat thee,
And warnings with accents
Of mercy do blend;
Give ear to His voice,
Lest in judgment He meet thee;
The harvest is passing,
The summer will end.

How oft of thy danger
And guilt He hath told thee!
How oft still the message
Of mercy doth send.
Haste, haste, while He waits
In His arms to enfold thee;
The harvest is passing,
The summer will end.

LIFE FOR THEE

Tunes: Ready to die, 167; Are you washed? 207; Song Book, 106.

There is life for a look at the Crucified One;
There is life at this moment for thee;
Then look, sinner, look unto Him and be saved—
Unto Him who was nailed to the tree.

Oh, why was He there as the Bearer of Sin
If on Jesus thy sins were not laid?
Oh, why from His side flowed the sin-cleansing Blood,
If His dying thy debt had not paid?

It is not thy tears of repentance, or prayers,
But the Blood that atones for the soul;
On Him, then, who shed it thou mayest at once
The weight of iniquities roll.

PERFECT CLEANSING

Tune: For ever with the Lord, 68; Song Book, 436.

From every stain made clean,
From every sin set free:
O blessed Lord, this is the gift
That Thou hast promised me.
And pressing through the past
Of failure, fault, and fear,
Before Thy cross my soul I cast,
And dare to leave it there.

From Thee I would not hide
My sin, because of fear
What men may think; I hate my pride,
And as I am appear—
Just as I am, O Lord,
Not what I'm thought to be;
Just as I am, a struggling soul
For life and liberty.

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Our Harvest Festival has also been a success. A target of $[illegible] has been smashed. Both Soldiers and Juniors took a very prominent part. At present, by request of the authorities, our Hall is closed owing to "flu" epidemic spreading rapidly.—Corps Correspondent.

ENVOY HANCOCK

Leads Sunday Meetings at Newmarket—Sixteen Seekers

The meetings at Newmarket were led by Envoy Hancock on Sunday, Dec. 22nd. In the morning the Military Hospital was visited and the men greatly enjoyed the Envoy's talk. The Holiness Meeting at the Citadel was a time of great blessing and twelve came forward seeking the blessing.

The Envoy spoke to the children in the afternoon, and they were very interested in his stories. At night after a powerful Salvation meeting four persons voluntarily came to the Mercy Seat and there was great rejoicing among the comrades. Captain Bullough is the Officer in charge and a good work is progressing.

NINE SOULS AT CALGARY III.

We have had some very interesting meetings at Calgary III. Corps recently. Three souls sought Salvation on Sunday, Dec. 5th, and six souls on the following Sunday. We are greatly encouraged and feel that God is indeed with us. A comrade sang "A Mighty Revival is Coming, This Way," and we believe this is so.—J. B.

On a recent Friday night the Regina Songster Brigade met at the Citadel to pack parcels for our comrades overseas. Each box contained a pair of socks, towel, chocolate, soap, stationery, handkerchiefs, and other useful articles. The Home League donated the socks.

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